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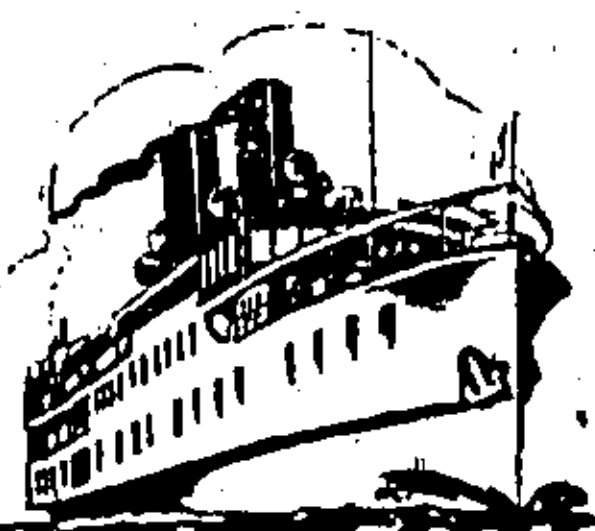
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ROTARY CLUB

Life On The
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INTERESTING TALK BY NAVAL OFFICER

Capt. A. J. L. Murray, R.N., D.S.O., O.B.E., who joined the Royal Navy at the age of 16 years and is now the Captain of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, gave an interesting and instructive talk on "Experiences in the Royal Navy" at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club held at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden yesterday afternoon. The speaker described the journey of the Dorsetshire from England to Hong Kong, and gave sidelights of the different types of work aboard ship.

DEEP LOSS

Mr. Thomas Tam (President) remarked that members were aware of the deep loss sustained by Rotarian the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall on the death of his wife. She was gifted with a remarkably charming personality and she would be remembered for her frequent presence and support at the Club's Ladies' Days. He would instruct the Secretary to write, on behalf of the Club, a letter expressing their deepest sympathy with Rotarian Kotewall.

The meeting then stood for a few moments as a mark of respect.

GUESTS

On resumption, the President welcomed back Rotarian the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock. (Applause). The following guests were then introduced:—Rear-Admiral C. G. Sedgwick, R.N., Major Watts, of India, Dr. Henry Hulzenga, Professor of English Literature, University of Shanghai, Capt. J. Waller, R.N., Mr. Gordon Duclos, Mr. F. Grose.

THE SEA AND A "TAIPAN'S" LIFE

In the course of the address, Capt. Murray said that life in the Navy was very different from life in the Civil Service or even that of a taipan's life. A commission, he said, was held for two years and the Dorsetshire would shortly be leaving for home. "You get new conditions to live in, new problems to encounter and new places to see every two years and we never get stale under these conditions," he remarked.

The speaker explained that the Dorsetshire was a cruiser built under the Washington Treaty which restricted tonnage to 10,000 tons. Her former service had been with the Home Fleet and before going back to England for refit and recommissioning for the Far East she did six or seven years service at a Cape station in South Africa.

The speaker said that on April 1, 1935, a day before completion of the refit, they collected in the barracks 800 men of the Devonport port division and the executive officer organised them into a ship's company. Some had been to China before and had just finished foreign service leave. Others had been with the Atlantic Fleet. (Continued on Page 7.)

FUNERAL OF MRS. EDITH KOTEWALL

Worthy Tribute To A Gracious Lady

HUNDREDS PAY LAST RESPECTS

Hundreds of sorrowing relatives and friends, including many distinguished Colony residents and representatives of both the British and Chinese Governments, yesterday afternoon paid their last respects to the late Mrs. Edith Kotewall, the wife of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., L.L.D., who passed away peacefully on Monday morning at her residence, Hutton House, Kotewall Road. The chief mourners were her husband, eight daughters (Mrs. Li Shiu-kai, Mrs. Walter Hung, Misses Doris, Helen, Bobbie, Maisie, Cecile and Patsy Kotewall) a son (Master Cyril Kotewall), and two sons-in-law (Messrs. Li Shiu-kai and Walter Hung).

The funeral cortege began its journey from Hutton House, preceded by a motor car filled with wreaths and behind which marched a detachment of the Chinese Section of the Hong Kong Police, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and groups of boys and girls from various Chinese schools. Then came the hearse which was followed by the chief mourners and hundreds of friends.

At the Wing Pit Ting, Pokfulam, within which a photograph of the deceased lady was displayed, already hundreds of persons filled the great pavilion to capacity. Outside it motor traffic was being efficiently controlled by members of the Hong Kong Police to cope with the almost endless stream of people arriving by motorcar.

Shortly after 4 o'clock the funeral cortege reached the Wing Pit Ting and the coffin was immediately taken in and set in the pavilion at each side of which the members of the family took their places.

Several more people kept arriving and immediately after the entrance of His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Captain W. J. R. Cragg, A.D.C., Bishop Hall and the Rev. Li Kau-yam delivered the funeral service. At its conclusion, hundreds of friends filed past the coffin after bowing three times to the photograph of the deceased lady, among whom were His Excellencies the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, the Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Little, and the General Officer Commanding, Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, and their respective aides-de-camps.

Among the hundreds of mourners were also the following:—Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Sedgwick, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Hon. Mr. C. G. and Miss Alabaster, Hon. Mr. Edwin Taylor, Hon. Mr. B. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington, Hon. T. S. Seem, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. W. Hughes, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir William Hornell, Lady Ho Tung, Sir Ely Kadoorie, Mr. D. H. Cooper, Hon. Mr. M. T. Johnson, General Li Long-yu, Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mr. P. L. Collison, General Chang Ki-yau, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carr, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jun., Mr. D. Anderson, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Professor L. Forster, Mr. E. H. Williams, Major V. M. Duolos, Mr. T. J. Tai, and Mr. D. L. Newbiggin.

Messages of condolences were received by Dr. Kotewall and his family by wire from Huang Musun (Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government), Tseng Yang-fu (Mayor of the City of Canton), and other well-known officials of the Chinese Government, as well as from Sir Robert Ho Tung.

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European Lads Missing

Set Out From Shamshuipo In A Cutter

A report last night stated that three European boys, between 12 and 18 years of age, belonging to the Royal Ulster Rifles, put out of Shamshuipo at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in a small cutter with a mast and two sails.

They were seen to be proceeding between Stonecutters and Lanchow, but at the time of the report they had not returned, nor had any news been received of the party, which gave rise to some anxiety.

Chinese Veteran Passes

Kuomintang Leader And Early Revolutionist

Shanghai, Dec. 29. The death has occurred of Mr. Tsui Tung-ju, 73 years old, veteran Kuomintang leader and a native of Kwangtung. He was one of the members of the Tungmenhui, forerunner of the Kuomintang.

Mr. Tsui participated in early revolutionary activities, for which he was forced to flee to America. He returned to China in 1915, serving in various posts and engaging in literary work. He revisited America after the war where he edited prominent Chinese papers. (Continued on Back Page)

CHIANG BACK IN HARNESS

Council Turns Down Resignation

Nanking, Dec. 29. General Chiang Kai-shek is resuming his duties as Premier and Generalissimo according to an official announcement.

This announcement sets at rest the rumours that the Generalissimo contemplates resigning.

RESIGNATION REJECTED

Nanking, Dec. 29. It now transpires that General Chiang Kai-shek has sent a letter to the Central Political Council assuming ultimate responsibility for the Sianfu revolt and resigning his post as Premier and Generalissimo, but the resignation has been rejected.

General Chiang Kai-shek also requested punishment in order that the discipline of the State shall be upheld and my conscience set at ease.

It is understood that the Generalissimo is re-tendering his resignation, which again will be rejected.

The plenary session of the Central Executive Committee has been convened for February 15 and not March 12 as previously reported.

OLD ORDER RETURNS

Nanking, Dec. 29. General Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, to-day resumed his concurrent post as President of the Executive Yuan, and Finance Minister. Mr. H. K. Kung has relinquished his concurrent post as acting President.

The denial that Mr. T. V. Soong will become President of the Executive Yuan was issued by the National Economic Council, of which he is the chairman, but Mr. Soong himself has not made any statement.

War Minister Ho Ying-ching has given up his post as commander-in-chief of the anti-rebel forces, and Generals Liu Chin and Ku Chiu-tung have similarly resigned their posts as route commanders. It is reported that General Ho Ying-ching will shortly visit Kwangtung and Kwangsi in his capacity as commander of the Whampoa headquarters. (Continued on Back Page)

REBEL MARSHAL

Shanghai, Dec. 29. It is reported that the punishment to be meted out to the rebel leaders Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and General Yang Foo-cheng will be decided by a Military Commission of high military officials appointed by the Central Government.

All circles have been favourably impressed by the attitude of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang. (Continued on Back Page)

CHINESE YOUTH FALLS 100 FEET

Magazine Gap Accident

While riding a bicycle along Magazine Gap Road yesterday afternoon, Pak Yung-ling, a Chinese youth, fell over the embankment to the lower level 100 feet below. He sustained injuries all over and was immediately removed to the Government Civil Hospital by an ambulance.

At a late hour last night his condition was stated to be rather serious but no further developments have occurred.

WHAMPOA PORT DEVELOPMENT

Nanking, Dec. 29. The Kwangtung Whampoa Port Development has petitioned the Nanking Finance Department to issue \$7,000,000 in bonds, to be utilized in defraying the preliminary expenses of the development scheme in its first stage. It is proposed that five per cent of the Kwangtung Customs revenue be taken as security. (Chinese Evening Press)

Hangman's Rope Breaks!

Strange Incident
In Shanghai

CONDEMNED INDIAN HURLED TO GROUND

Shanghai, Dec. 29. An unusual incident occurred here this morning at the Municipal Gaol.

Atma Singh, the thirty-two-year-old Indian policeman and convicted murderer, was being executed this morning when the rope suddenly broke, hurling the man to the ground. Atma Singh was sent to hospital suffering from injuries to the neck and head.

The man was convicted in the British Court for aiding Bawa Singh, another Indian constable, to death. At the trial he pleaded extreme provocation by contending that he committed the act after (Continued on Back Page)

Haw Par Hospital Extension

Sun Ward On Roof To
Accommodate Additional
T. B. Children

Once again Messrs. Aw Boon Haw and Aw Boon Par have shown their great interest and sympathy in the welfare of the children whose lives are spent lying day by day, unable to move, afflicted with the terrible scourge of bone tuberculosis, by signifying their intention to add to the Haw Par Hospital at Cheung Chau Island an extra storey, to be suitably arranged for T.B. children only.

There will be accommodation for about 20 to 30 such children who will be under the direct supervision of a doctor who specialises in tuberculosis. The hospital, situated almost on top of the hill, is ideal for such patients, and will be the only one of its kind in Hong Kong.

Further additions in course of erection are a kitchen, laundry, mortuary, and a "doubled" retaining wall and a sea wall.

The large ward on the ground floor, as soon as the operating theatre is equipped, will be used for accident cases, and thus avoid the exposure and fatigue caused by the long journey to Hong Kong. Accidents amongst the fisher folk are common, and usually severe—dynamite explosions, crushed limbs etc., being quite frequent.

The junk population depend upon the Haw Par Hospital; many of these people come from Chinese waters. The maintenance of the hospital solely depends upon the St. John Ambulance Association to whom it has been donated, and in turn, on the generosity of the public for funds for relieving these distressed people whose lives are those "who go down to the sea in ships."

RUSHDI ARAS AT ATHENS

Athens, Dec. 29. The Turkish foreign minister, Rushdi Aras, arrived here Monday on his return journey to Istanbul from Paris. He had a prolonged conference with Premier Metaxas regarding the international situation. (Transocean News Service)

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CHINESE HIGHWAY PROGRESS

National Economic Council Report Reveals Expanding Network Of Roadways

China's progress in highway construction and transportation during recent years is reviewed in a report issued by the Bureau of Roads of the National Economic Council.

According to the report, since its establishment in May, 1932, the Bureau has concentrated its attention first on the construction of inter-provincial highways in Kiangsu, Anhwei and Chekiang.

Six lines were mapped out for the Three-Province Highway Project: the Nanking-Hangchow highway, the Shanghai-Hangchow highway, the Nanking-Wuhu highway, the Soochow-Kaashing highway, the Changshing-Suancheng highway, and the Hangchow-Hweilchow highway. These highways were built by the provincial governments with loans and technical assistance from the N.E.C.

The construction work of these different highways, totalling 605 kilometres was started simultaneously in May, 1932, and completed successfully in October 1933. A total of \$983,000 was appropriated by the N.E.C. for their construction.

The satisfactory results from the Three-Province Highway Project, the report says, encouraged the Bureau to map out in November, 1932, the Seven-Province Highway Project, which provided for the construction of inter-provincial highways over a larger area, including the three provinces above-mentioned and also Kiangsi, Hupeh, Hunan and Honan. It contemplated the construction of eleven trunk lines of a total length of 11,591 kilometres and 63 branch lines of a total length of 11,033 kilometres making up a grand total of 22,624 kilometres.

At the beginning of 1934, the report adds, construction of inter-provincial highways in Shensi, Kansu, Fukien, Chinghai and on the border regions of Kiangsi, Kwangtung, and Fukien was also put in charge of the Bureau, increasing the grand total length to 22,900 kilometres. Of this total over 21,000 kilometres were opened to traffic in June, 1936. The total appropriations for highway construction in various provinces by the N.E.C. up till the same time amounted to \$10,649,000.

TWO MAIN HIGHWAYS
The two main highways constructed by the N.E.C. in the Northwest, the report reveals, are the Sian-Lanchow highway and the Sian-Hanchung highway. The former connects the capitals of Shensi and Kansu, traversing Sian, Shenyang, Lichuan, Pinghsien, and Changyu in Shensi, and Kiangchun, Pingliang, Lungteh, Tsingning and Tingsi to reach Lanchow.

In Kansu. The whole line is 745 kilometres in length. The construction of this highway was started in spring, 1934 and completed in summer, 1935 at a cost of \$930,000.

The latter highway lies within the boundaries of Shensi and is about 420 kilometres long. Starting at Sian, it runs along the northern bank of the Wei River to Paochi, later bending southward through the cities of Fenghsien, Liupai and Faochen to Hanchung.

There was originally a roadbed in the section between Sian and Paochi but it needed improvement. Surveying work was completed in October, 1934, and construction work was started in November the same year. Owing to repeated "Red" disturbances, the construction work was not completed until recently. The total cost involved was \$2,300,000.

For the promotion of highway transport in the Northwest, the N.E.C., according to the report, established in January, 1935, an administration bureau of the Northwestern Highways, and appropriated a sum of \$400,000 for this purpose.

Stations at the terminals and along the highways, repair shops, places for rest and restaurants were provided. Twenty-four Mercedes-Benz chassis were purchased from Germany. Of this number ten were used for passengers cars, twelve for trucks and three for service cars on the northwestern highways. Later, an additional 100 chassis were purchased from Germany to ease the congestion of traffic. Repair materials and fuel were also purchased.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION

For the promotion of highway communication in the Southeast, the report affirms, the N.E.C. organized an Inter-Provincial Highway Traffic Commission in December, 1932, composed of representatives of the N.E.C. and experts from the provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, and Anhwei, and the municipalities of Greater Shanghai, and Nanking.

As an advisory body, this Commission made recommendations concerning traffic regulation and management, the provision of bus services and traffic facilities such as the erection of gasoline stations and first-aid stations, the installation of telephones and road signs, policing, etc. The success of the Commission led to the participation of other provinces and municipalities, including Fukien, Kiangsi, Hupeh, Hunan and Honan. Last July the Commission was reorganized as a National Inter-Provincial Highway Traffic Commission.

For improving the technique of road building the Bureau of Roads, according to the report, has constructed two experimental roads in the vicinity of Nanking. The first two kilometres long was built with different types of pavement, using only such materials as produced in the locality. Its purpose was to test the economy and durability of the different kinds of surfacing.

The second road, 1,650 kilometres long, was built to compare the relative economy and efficiency of different bituminous materials for surface dressing of clay-bound macadam which is becoming very popular in China.

HIGHWAY DEVELOPMENT

As reference for highway development, the Bureau, the report further states, has conducted extensive road research work, including the compiling of statistics of highway mileage, costs of road materials and labour wages in the provinces, the publication of a road dictionary in both Chinese and English, the study of road soil, the testing of road materials, and the opening of a road material exhibition room.

The problem of fuel supply has engaged the attention of the N.E.C. A cotton seed oil research committee composed of oil experts and representatives of various organizations concerned has been formed by the N.E.C. to study the possibility of manufacturing a suitable fuel oil from cotton seeds. In view of the scarcity of both technical and administrative personnel, the N.E.C. has opened training classes for traffic officers, engineers, and drivers. Under the joint sponsorship of the N.E.C. and the Chongqing University, a Department of Motor Engineering has been opened in the College of Mechanical Engineering of the University for the training of motor engineers.

Central News.

SEEING TO THE EDGE OF SPACE

Astronomers Think They Are Near It

The bewilderment of astronomers, as they explore outward into the most distant regions of space, was powerfully expressed by Sir James Jeans when he lectured at the Royal Institution, London, recently.

Has space any limit, he asked, or does it stretch without end? If there is a limit, how nearly has it been reached? Sir James had to confess that he did not know—definitely. He could only pass on the latest hint which astronomers had received from a laborious survey of space made through the present largest telescope, the 100-inch "reflector" at Mount Wilson Observatory, California.

And the effect of the hint is that the limit may very nearly have been reached. We might find, if this interpretation was correct, Sir James thought, that space extended ten times as far as could now be seen. But, broadly speaking, astronomers were getting to the end.

The survey referred to, he explained, was concerned with the numbers of nebulae at different distances. But it was not a question of any straightforward "thinning, but rather of measuring the "curvature" of space itself, a factor which he explained would affect the statistical distribution of the nebulae.

It is an attempt, in fact, to translate the Einsteinian theory of a curved and finite space into the prosaic terms of observation.

This conclusion—one of two possible ways in which the Mount Wilson records could be interpreted—Sir James described as "a rather startling one."

On the extent to which space stretches out beyond the present limits of observation will depend the even more startling possibility that astronomers may, in due course, be able to see right round the universe, so that the galaxy of stars of which our sun is a member, might be seen as a faint echo of itself—as one of the faintest of faint spots in an ultra-powerful telescope.

As to the alternative interpretation, which would lead to no such romantic conclusion, Sir James stated: "We cannot at present decide between them, and I cannot tell when we will be able to decide."

SCALE OF THE UNIVERSE

About the scale of the known universe, Sir James could, however, be more definite. He began by asking his audience to imagine that the lecture theatre at the Royal Institution represented the whole of space.

On that scale, each of the 100,000,000 known galaxies of stars would have to be represented by something about the size of a pin's head, although each galaxy itself contained 100,000,000 or so stars. All the stars which could be seen with the naked eye would be included within the space of a speck of dust. And the sun, which looks so big, would have to be represented by a mere electron—the smallest particle known to science, and, on this scale, inconceivably beyond visual identification.

For the earth, Sir James had to confess, no counterpart in this model could be allotted. There was nothing small enough.

"Showing The Flag" Neglected

War Office Unfavourable To London Scottish March

IMPROVED RECRUITING NOTED RECENTLY

In the course of a speech at the Hallowe'en dinner of the London Scottish, Col. L. D. Henderson, the Commanding Officer, made special reference to the traditional march in Scotland which the battalion carries out every four years, and he remarked that there was not enough "showing of the flag" in the British Army at present.

Col. G. M. Giles, Commanding the 2nd (London) Infantry Brigade, who proposed the toast of "The Regiment," said that the increase in the strength of the London Scottish since this time last year was very gratifying. Today it stood at 516, compared with 436 on October 31, 1935, and he thought it was a magnificent thing that the regiment had once more topped 500.

MARCH IN SCOTLAND
Col. Henderson, who replied and proposed "The Guests," said

1,000,000-VOLT X-RAY TUBE

New Department At Bart's Hospital

HEALING BEAM OF HIGHEST POWER

The new Mozele Sassoon X-Ray Therapy Department at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which was inspected by the guests after the opening ceremony performed recently by Mrs. Meyer Sassoon in the Great Hall, is unique. It is the finest installation of its kind in the world.

It is "built round" the great X-ray tube, 30 feet long and weighing 10 tons, which is designed to produce a beam of greater penetrative power, higher intensity and shorter mean wave-length than has yet been used for the treatment of cancer. It will operate at any voltage from 250,000 to 1,000,000 volts, the highest constant voltage ever employed for healing purposes.

The X-ray chamber, through which the middle part of the tube passes horizontally, is equipped with a movable floor which can be raised and lowered by pressing a button, so that the range of the beam may be varied widely. The couch upon which the patient lies makes possible a great range of smaller adjustments.

A microphone stands by the couch so that the patient may talk to the nurse or doctor outside the chamber.

It is impossible for a doctor safely to keep the patient under direct observation during treatment, but this difficulty has been solved by an ingenious arrangement of eight curved mirrors. They pass a reflection through a small aperture, heavily protected, in the top corner of the chamber, down to the observer's desk.

The safety position is automatically assumed by the apparatus whenever a door of the chamber is opened.

BETTER THAN RADIUM

Further precautions for the protection of the operating personnel appear in the composition of the walls of the chamber and generating rooms, which are built of interlocking blocks of barium concrete. The doors of the chamber are of heavy steel plates, designed to prevent radiation leakage.

No therapeutic X-ray tube of an equal efficiency exists in the world to-day. There are only three or four tubes which can work over 500,000 volts, and, in the British Empire, the next most powerful is that at the Cancer Hospital, in Fulham-road, which can work up to 400,000 volts.

In America, at Pasadena, a tube exists which has been operated with 1,200,000 volts, but with a fluctuating potential. It cannot sustain 1,000,000 volts, and in any case it is chiefly used for physical research. The Bart's installation can provide a range of radiation which includes all but the very highest of the gamma rays of radium, and an unofficial speculation puts its intensity on an equality with that which would be produced by far more radium than can at the moment be assembled in one bomb.

It is certain that the Bart's tube will achieve a much greater efficiency for healing purposes in all cases of deep-seated cancer, but for this it must be "run-in" like a new car.

Perhaps of greater ultimate importance are the facilities it will give for acquiring new knowledge, by investigation and research. But no speedy discovery is to be expected from its use, and it will probably be five years at least before its full value can be announced to the world.

The regiment was certainly in a very much happier position than it was a year ago. Their numbers were slightly over 516, taking into account a certain number of recruits whose papers had not yet come through from the record office. He hoped this increase would continue and that they would soon be at full strength.

"I shall be a very proud man," he added, "if next year I can hand over the battalion to Major Bennett at full strength."

Col. Henderson said that next year they would be going on their traditional march in Scotland, which takes place every four years, final permission being dependent on their doing a certain amount of field training on the way. "This morning I met the Director-General of the Territorial Army," he continued, "and I found out quite by chance that he was not in favour of it. This was rather a setback to me, but eventually I think I convinced him that, apart from

USE OF LIGHT-WEIGHT CONCRETE

Production From New Materials

The demand for light-weight concrete in modern building is increasing and several novel materials which can be used for making it, in place of pumice mainly imported from the volcanic deposits near Coblens in Germany, or furnace clinker and coke breeze, are described in a bulletin prepared by the Building Research Station, issued recently by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (H.M. Stationery Office, 4d. net). One of these products, the production of which is new to this country, is foamed slag, made by rapidly chilling molten slag from blast furnaces manufacturing pig iron.

Foamed slag is extensively used in Germany and competes seriously with pumice even in the vicinity of the pumice quarries. Building blocks are made of various sizes and shapes so that it is not necessary to cut blocks during construction. It is claimed in Germany that blocks 50 per cent. larger in size than ordinary clay bricks are only half the weight, and for the same volume are only half the price of clay bricks. An example in this country of the use of foamed slag concrete blocks is to be found in the Fire Testing Station at Elstree, Hertfordshire, recently erected for the Fire Offices Committee.

Production has also been begun in this country of a light material obtained by rapidly heating clays and shales, while the Building Research Station has found that certain slates when heated expand to many times their original thickness. The resulting concrete is cellular in structure and will float on water. A table giving figures for the properties of various light-weight concretes shows that those made from foamed slag and expanded slate compare very favourably with those made from other materials.

EXTERNAL USE

In this country lightweight concretes have been used mainly for internal work. As regards external work various failures, the bulletin states, have occurred in Great Britain because of lack of knowledge of the properties of the concretes have prevented a more extended use of these materials in external walling. It is felt, nevertheless, that any consequent general restriction of the use of lightweight concretes is unnecessary, since much fuller information on the properties of these materials and the precautions necessary in their use is now available. Lightweight slag aggregates and pumice have been extensively and most successfully used in Germany in external wall construction, while in France lightweight concretes are freely used for the inner leaf of hollow walls in framed structures. In view of the great economies in weight and the enhanced thermal insulation afforded by walls of this kind, it would be unfortunate if their rational development were to be prejudiced.

Porous concretes cannot be expected to afford any high degree of protection to embedded steel from external corrosive agencies, so that some additional protection will be necessary. All lightweight concretes, it is stated, appear to take normal plasters quite satisfactorily, provided the concretes do not contain an appreciable quantity of salts soluble in water which may dissolve out of the blocks and pass into the plaster, so causing stains.

Our field training, a march was one of the best trainings a battalion can have. I do not think that anybody who saw the battalion arrive in Inverness or Edinburgh will dispute that fact.

"Even with all this mechanization the poor infantry will have to march again one day, and I think the time will come when our mechanization may break down and we shall have to get on our feet again."

BENEFIT TO REGULARS
"I also told him that every time we march through the Highlands, not only is our recruiting assisted but the regular regiments associated with the districts we go through also benefit very much by our march. In these days when it is hard to get recruits that is something to go for. After all, this showing of the flag is not being done half enough in the British Army at present, and I hope we get final permission to go on this march."

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RICHARD STRAUSS**REFLECTIONS AND A PROPHECY**

(BY FRANCIS TOYE)

Richard Strauss has loomed large on our London musical stage during the fortnight that has just ended. He has appeared as the conductor of his own and Mozart's music, as the composer of "Rosenkavalier" and "Ariadne," as the hero (I hope unconscious) of one of the most terrifying operatic schemes ever suggested—the proposal to give "Salome" and "Elektra" on the same evening during January.

Let me hasten to say at once that his visit was welcome, that it was right that honour should be paid to one who, whatever your personal views on his compositions, remains one of the three outstanding figures in contemporary music, that we are all delighted that he is said to have enjoyed himself. But having said this—and meant it—I feel bound to add that Strauss as a composer inspires me with no confidence, much less enthusiasm.

During the odd twenty-five years of my musical-critical career there have been two major reputations—the minor reputations are, of course, without number—which have waxed and waned. First, the reputation of Scriabin which, I am glad to say, has waned almost to nothing, he being now recognised for what in fact he always was—a composer of attractive piano pieces whose efforts to write in the grand manner resembled nothing so much as those of the frog in the fable. Second, the reputation of Strauss which, deservedly, has not waned to the same extent, but is very markedly less than it used to be. In this country at any rate Sibelius reigns, unquestioned, in his stead.

THE GERMAN TRADITION
Up to the time of the war Richard Strauss was the acknowledged king of the Progressives. Some people, like the writer, preferred the comparatively miniature genius of Debussy, which seemed to us more elegant and distinguished, but Strauss remained the embodiment of the great German tradition. The purple of Richard Wagner sat regally on his shoulders. True the wicked aphorism: "If Richard, why not Wagner?" had, I believe, already been coined, but it was whispered with bated breath, as a man might whisper a notorious heresy during a cathedral service. All the more intellectual and advanced music critics wrote pages of laborious prose to demonstrate the profundity of his (and their) thought. All the clever young men found an agreeable alternative of the then fashionable pastime of jigsaw puzzles in dissecting and putting together again the various motifs of his more complex symphonic poems, the cerebral process being much the same in both cases. The premiere of a Strauss opera was an event of European importance at a Salzburg.

Since the war, however, all this has changed, the "Alpine Symphonies" having led most of the younger and even some of the middle-aged musicians to discover the essential vacuity of works such as "The Domestic Symphony" and "Thus Spake Zarathustra," pre-tentious monuments of a musical Sieges Allee. Even works, definitely superior, such as "A Hero's Life" and "Don Quixote" are now admired, when they are admired, for the ingenuity of their texture or their orchestration rather than for the originality or beauty of the fundamental musical ideas. The operas are perhaps in even worse case. With the possible exception of "Frau ohne Schatten" every one of them has been, in varying degrees, a failure. "Ariadne," "Aegyptische Helena" Who would recognise in these any trace of the charm of touch which despite prolixity and obvious aesthetic shortcomings, make of "Rosenkavalier" one of the world's few really successful operas? In short, in Stock Exchange jargon, Richard Strauss now stand at a very low level, and show no signs of going better. Rather the opposite.

SENTIMENTALIST
To be honest, I must admit prejudice. I never counted myself among the admirers of Strauss, and the satisfaction of being able to say "I told you so" cannot easily be stifled in the human breast. Strauss seemed to me then, as he seems to me now, an insurable sentimentalist with a curious leaning towards the grotesque, who, from conviction or from mere desire, to satisfy the tastes of his day, has

forced himself to construct laboriously mammoth edifices of realism and ugliness. Now that taste has changed, their defects are obvious to the very tyro, for there is one aesthetic fashion that always passes quickly and afterwards appears particularly repulsive. It is the fashion for realism. The true fundamental quality of Strauss at his best is shown, I maintain, in half a dozen lovely songs, large portions of "Rosenkavalier," a few pages in "Ariadne," the early tone-poem, "Don Juan." His mastery of the grotesque, probably in fact his most original contribution to musical literature, finds its best expression in "Tyli Eulenspiegel," which is certainly the most, perhaps the sole, perfect essay in orchestral composition that he has achieved. It is a veritable masterpiece and in it Strauss will, I hope, survive to delight future generations.

MEYERBEER HIS LEADER
What is likely to happen to Richard Strauss in the course of musical history is well known by what has happened to another and far greater composer who shared many of his characteristics—Meyerbeer. Meyerbeer, like Strauss, commanded for years the allegiance of Europe's intelligentsia, a more certain allegiance and for a greater number of years. Like Strauss he was a first-class man of business, determined and able to use his power to present his works in the most favourable manner possible. Like Strauss he was a master of effect, of orchestral experiment. Like Strauss he excelled in the elaboration of unessential details, in an intellectual way which in reality was not musical intellectuality at all, but something extra-musical for external use only, like an ointment. Most important of all, like Strauss, his fundamental musical inspiration was very noticeably short-winded, though people raved over the duet in "The Huguenots" more excitedly even than they raved over the trio in the last act of "Rosenkavalier."

The difference between the two men is that Meyerbeer was one of the great originators of the very movement which Strauss was destined to close. Inevitably, therefore, Meyerbeer invented more, alike as regards aesthetic and procedure. Even this has not saved him. Much of Rossini may be moribund, but Rossini, favoured by the public rather than by the specialists, is alive and kicking compared with poor, excessively maligned Meyerbeer. So, I prophesy, it will be with Strauss and Puccini. A composer like the latter, who relies exclusively on musical means to achieve his objects, even if his inspiration be often of a secondary order, is always in a better position to withstand the onslaughts of time.

I am even prepared to back my fancy, laying two to one odds that in the year 1983, three minutes of Puccini's music will be played for every minute of Strauss's music. If there are any takers, my executors shall be duly instructed to pay or receive the money.

**BRITISH EMBASSY
IN MADRID**

London, Dec. 28.

The British Embassy in Madrid will shortly be closed, according to an official announcement here, which adds that 120 British fugitives who sought refuge in the Embassy building have been warned to leave Madrid at once and will depart from the capital before Wednesday. The embassy staff will leave Madrid on Thursday and the Embassy will then be transferred to Valencia, because, so the official statement points out, there is no likelihood that the Red government will return to Madrid from Valencia for the time being, and in view of the increasing difficulties which provisioning made in Madrid while in Valencia the presence of the British warships is affording the guarantee that the embassy will not suffer from want, as the warships may be drawn upon in case of need.

The International Relief Bureau maintained at the British Embassy in Madrid will eventually be taken over by the League of Nations which, however, so far has merely asked for a report. The private British relief organisations in

**THE MARRIAGE
BILL****Desertion As Ground
For Divorce****WIDE DEFINITION OF
CRUELTY**

A Standing Committee of the House of Commons, over which Major J. Milner (Leeds, S.E., Lab.) presided, further considered the Marriage Bill recently.

Mr. A. M. Lyons, K.C. (Leicester, E. U.), moved an amendment to the effect that desertion should not be regarded as a ground for divorce. If the deserted party had received maintenance or a settlement.

Mr. Lyons said that desertion alone would make it easy for the parties to fake grounds for divorce. Mr. A. P. Herbert (Oxford University, Ind.), for the promoters of the Bill, said that while they wanted to take all precautions to see that the Courts ascertained the facts they could not bind the Courts so severely as the amendment proposed.

The Rev. R. Sorensen (Leyton, W., Lab.), opposing the amendment, contended that it would put a premium on human meanness, and had all the elements which made, not for greater understanding between the sexes, but for greater distrust and detestation.

Sir Terence O'Connor, K.C. (Solicitor-General), said that the amendment was an attempt to introduce an entirely new type and definition of desertion.

Lieutenant-Commander P. G. Agnew (Cambridge, U.) argued that if they accepted the amendment they would prevent, so far as financial affairs were concerned, any collusion in obtaining divorce. The law as it stood safeguarded the question of maintenance.

Mr. H. G. Strauss (Norwich, U.) contended that so far as collusion was concerned the amendment would not add to the existing law, nor would it assist the Courts to detect deception. But it might inflict great hardship on women and children for no reason whatsoever. Mr. A. C. Crossley (Stretford, U.)—Does he suggest that the Courts take any steps to discover collusion?

"Yes," replied many members, and Mr. Strauss said that if Mr. Crossley would go with him one day to the Courts he would find that they took a great deal of trouble. The amendment was rejected.

DEFINITION OF CRUELTY

Mr. J. R. H. Cartland (King's Norton, U.) moved to delete the lines which make cruelty a ground for divorce. He thought that the definition was far too wide, and suggested that at a later stage they should make provision in regard to the grosser forms of cruelty.

Mr. Sorensen—I presume that the hon. member will agree that a black eye is the same in every case? (Laughter.)

Mr. Cartland—On the contrary I disagree. If I lived in a neighbourhood or family where fistuluffs is the usual form of argument, then obviously I should not put so much weight on a black eye—(laughter)—as some people who are entirely unused to it.

Sir Arnold Wilson (Hitchin, U.), for the promoters, appealed to the mover to withdraw the amendment on the assurance that they would give an opportunity for a full discussion of the definition of cruelty at a later stage.

Mr. Cartland eventually agreed to withdraw the amendment.

There was considerable amusement and a wordy debate on an amendment by Mrs. Tate (Frome, U.) to alter the phrase "Since the marriage" to "Since the celebration of the marriage." Mr. Herbert explained that it made no difference whatever, but the experts who drafted the Bill liked to be tidy and attached some importance to the amendment. (Laughter.)

The Solicitor-General said that it was usual where they had a certain form of words in one Act and they were going to embody the same idea in another Act, to use similar words.

Major Colfox (Dorset, W. U.)—I strongly object to the insertion of a useless word.

Opponents forced a division and the amendment was carried by 18 votes to 11.

The Committee then adjourned.

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**KOSOLA'S DEATH
MYSTERY**

Helsingfors, Dec. 28.

Sensational rumours concerning the possibility that the leader of the national "Lappo" movement, Kosola, had died of poisoning gained some substantiation when the Court chemist, upon examining the contents of Kosola's stomach, found traces of arsenic.

The organ of the national Lappo movement, Ajan, Sunnita, declares that the accurate solution of the case is difficult since the nurse who attended Kosola up to the time of his death herself died on December 22 of pneumonia.

The State investigation is progressing, however, and experts are being called in to assist in the further examination of Kosola's vital organs. The funeral was held yesterday in Lappo. (Transvaal News Service.)

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It would give him great pleasure to know that the income from the endowment would be used for assisting Wakefield scholars by the award of educational grants or grants for maintenance during continued education, and that these grants would be particularly directed towards the technical or higher education of promising boys

or girls, the sons or daughters of officers or airmen, within the discretion of the council of the fund. It was stated that the fund's total expenditure on relief for the year ended December 1, 1936, amounted to £18,847, exceeding the figure for 1935 by over £500.

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8.55 p.m.—Greetings to our Listeners in India.
9 p.m.—News and Economic Review in German and Call DJQ.
9.15 p.m.—Women's Hour: The trees are covered with snow. Manuscript: Franziska Girgen-son.
9.45 p.m.—Little Folk Music.
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10.15 p.m.—To-day in German. Sound Pictures.
10.30 p.m.—In the sugarbakers crisp little house.
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9.10 p.m.—Revue.
9.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
10.30 p.m.—Victorian News.
11.30 p.m.—Close down.

Latent Dangers In Bromide

Three Doctors As Victims Of Mental Disorders

The fact that three doctors have been admitted to the Maudsley Hospital, London, during the past year for mental disorder due to bromide poisoning, none of them being aware of the true cause of their illness, reveals a serious state of affairs.

Three doctors at this hospital have, therefore, investigated the matter, and their report is published in the "British Medical Journal."

It appears that the amount of bromide remaining in the body after a standard dose varies enormously from one patient to another, depending upon complicated factors such as the daily salt and water intake.

Hence even when bromides are taken in the usual amounts by certain patients a gradual accumulation takes place which can be detected by delicate blood tests. The important feature of bromide poisoning in such cases is the fact that the symptoms closely mimic mental disorder.

DESIRE TO CLIMB TREES.

One patient, debarred from her usual remedy for insomnia by the new Dangerous Drugs Act, began to take bromide. After a few weeks her memory became affected; she was noticed to be very restless and confused; and she was admitted to the Maudsley Hospital, where a grave state of mental disorder was found, including an insane desire to climb trees. When the accumulated bromide had been eliminated she made a rapid improvement.

Other examples are given in this report, including details of a doctor who developed depression, nightmares and hallucinations before tests of his blood indicated he was suffering in fact from bromide poisoning.

These findings are important for several reasons. For example, the usual description of bromide poisoning in the standard medical text books is concerned almost entirely with the effects upon the skin, and actually skin rashes have not occurred in the patients here described.

SELECTION OF PATIENTS

Secondly, bromides tend to become, as the present report points out, the regular "diet" of neurotic patients, who are the least satisfactory subjects for producing the ill-effects just mentioned. It is perfectly true that a considerable number of "nervous" cases benefit from taking bromide, but they should be carefully selected and their bromide dosage closely watched.

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DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Anniversaries and Holidays—St. Sabinus.
Auctions—Household Furniture, at 35 Hankow Road, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

Cinema.
King's—"Things Are Looking Up."

Queen's—"Mummy's Boys." Central—"The Bohemian Girl." Oriental—"All Comedy Variety Show."

World—"Chinese Picture." Alhambra—"For The Service." Majestic—"White Fang." Star—"Her Master's Voice." Entertainment—Annual Christmas and New Year Party for Service Friends at the Sallons and Soldiers' Home, 7.30 p.m. Grand Variety Concert at Cheero Club, 9 p.m.

Social—Whist Drive and Tombola, Garrison Sergeants' Mess, 8.30 p.m.

Sports.
Hunt—Fauling Hunt (Sheung Shui Cross Roads), 2.45 p.m. Football—Army League Final, H.Q. Wing 2/East Lanes v. 22 F.C. Company, R.E. (Kowloon F.C. ground), 2.45 p.m.
Snooker—Steel Coulson League, R.E. Mess v. R.W. Fusiliers; R.N.P. v. P.O. Mess; C.S.C.C. v. R.A. Mess; Signals v. D.R.C.
Moon—XI Moon, 17th Day.
Sunrise—7.02 a.m. Sunset—5.49 p.m.

Tides—High at 11.58 and 22.35; Low at 5.05 and 15.45.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31.
Anniversaries and Holidays—New Year's Eve, Hogmanay, St. Sylvester.

Cinema.
King's—"Things Are Looking Up."

Queen's—"Sing Baby Sing." Central—"The Bohemian Girl." Oriental—"All Comedy Variety Show."

World—"Chinese Picture." Alhambra—"Wedding Present." Majestic—"White Fang." Star—"Her Master's Voice." Dances—Kowloon Cricket Club Carnival Dance; Warrant Officers and Ser. N.C.O.'s Mess of Royal Engineers, New Year Dance in Garrison Lecture Hall.

Lectures—Theosophical Society, 8.00 p.m.
Miscellaneous.—St. Andrew's Club "Open" Night, 9.00 p.m.; Claims against the Estate of A. D. H. Hands due; Naval Parade at Happy Valley, 10 a.m.
Religious—Watch Night Service in all churches.
Social—Annual Reunion Dinner Dance of Accountancy School.

Sports.
Football—Charity Match, Royal Navy v. Royal Marines (Causeway Bay), 4.00 p.m.
Moon—XI Moon, 18th Day.
Sunrise—7.03 a.m. Sunset—5.49 p.m.
Tides—High at 12.36 and 23.15; Low at 5.40 and 16.29.

MODESTY

Lord Blandesburgh told the following story at a luncheon of the Royal College of Organists in London recently:

"A minister in Perthshire was asked by a brother minister to preach the sermon at a neighbouring village on a particular Sunday.

"When he arrived he found that his wife had omitted to pack his sermon.

"So he got into the pulpit, and, after he had gone through what we in Scotland call the preliminary exercises, he said:

"My brethren, I am sorry to say that the sermon I had prepared for you has been left behind. So I will only be able to say what the Lord puts into my mouth, but when I come back again next year, I will do much better."

JUDGE CRITICISES DIVORCE LAW

Wife's Absence As Cause Of Action

"Can you justify the present state of the law which allows people to be tied together when every spiritual and physical relationship has been destroyed for 21 years?" asked Mr. Justice Swift during the hearing of a divorce action at Glamorgan Assizes.

He granted a decree to the husband, remarking that the man ought to have been enabled to ask for a decree after 12 months' absence of the wife.

It was explained that the application was delayed because the wife went to India. The parties were married in Cardiff 36 years ago.

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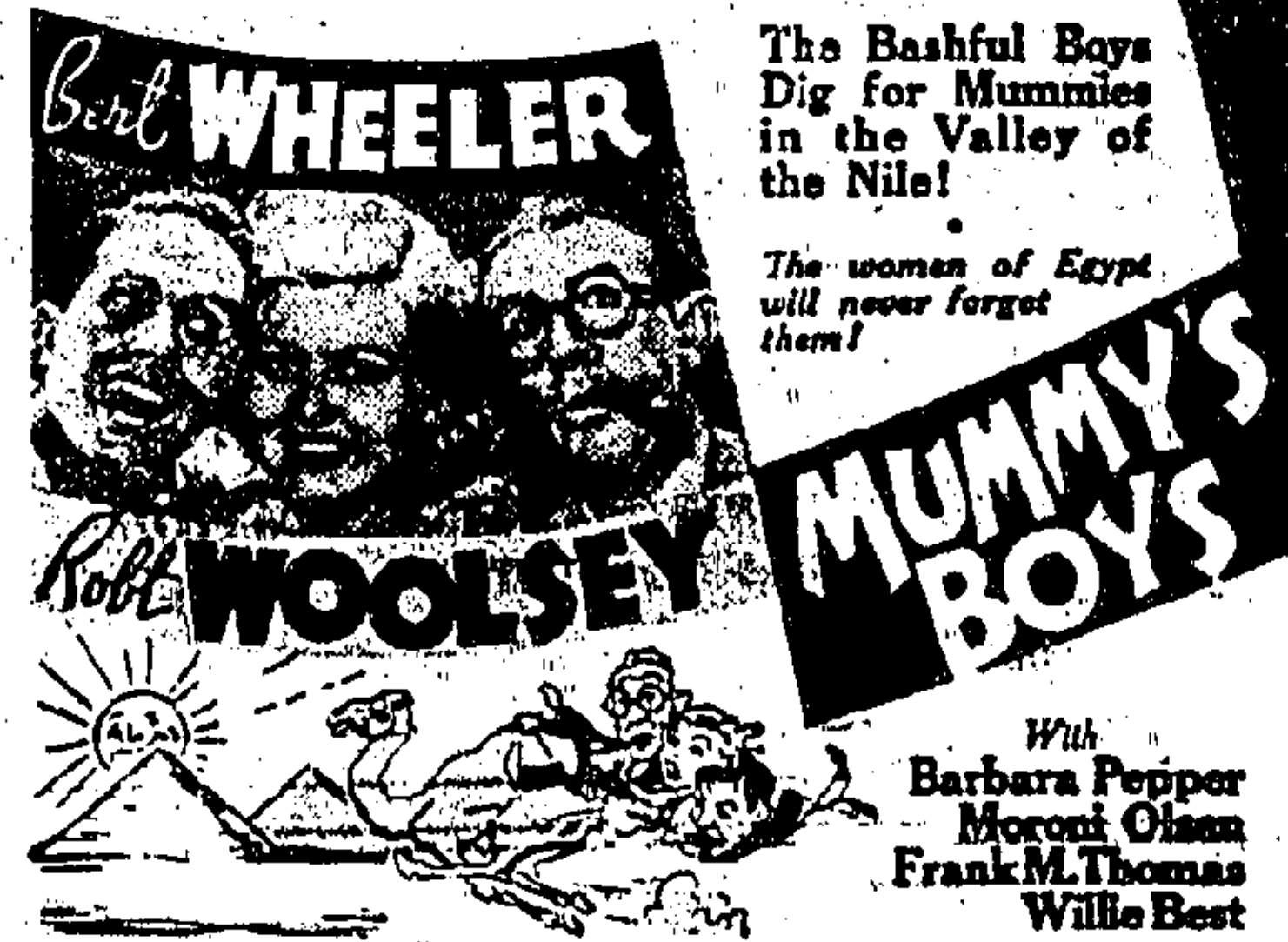
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"White Fang"
STAR:—
"Her Master's Voice"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Anthony Adverse"
QUEEN'S:—
"Sing Baby Sing"
ORIENTAL:—
"Show Boat"
ALHAMBRA:—
"The Wedding Present"
STAR:—
"The Bride Walks Out"

"THINGS ARE LOOKING UP"

Among many amusing incidents in "Things Are Looking Up," is a scene on Foundation Day at the girl's school of which Cicely Fytte (Cicely Courtneidge) is to be appointed head mistress. The chairman of the governors is to announce the appointment when he addresses the gathering. As Cicely, a circus rider, is deputising for Bertha, her twin sister and the real schoolmistress, it is essential that proceedings be delayed until Bertha, just back from a mad escapade, can put in an appearance. The music master conducting the band overcomes the difficulty in splendid fashion. The band unexpectedly starts a selection which every few bars introduces the National Anthem. Although the chairman could disregard the music, neither he nor his fellow governors could accommodate themselves to the repeated intrusion of the familiar strains. Standing up to "God Save the King" had become the habit of a lifetime. It was impossible to make a speech under the circumstances. Consequently the designing music master, in love with Cicely, was able to bridge the awkward interval and Bertha, the new mistress, arrived in the nick of time. Cicely Courtneidge plays the dual role of circus rider and schoolmistress.

"FOR THE SERVICE"

Thrilling drama in the early days of the West gives rugged vitality to the exciting Buck Jones picture, "For The Service," a Universal feature, which is showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre.

Noted for his swiftly moving exploits against the colourful background of the West, the star reaches a new high in entertainment in this story of the grim, courageous scouts who gave their lives that the United States might extend from coast to coast.

Savage Indians and cruel white men are confronted in Jones' relentless fight to save his captain's son, and serve his government. Dramatic incidents in army tradition provide the highlights of the story.

Clifford Jones, Beth Marion, Frank McQuinn, Sr., Edward Keene and Fred Kohler are in the supporting cast. The picture was directed and produced by Buck Jones from an original story by J. Isador Bernstein.

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SEEN ON THE SETS

Hollywood has music in its air and rhythm in its feet.

Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy are blending their voices in "Maytime." Eleanor Powell is completing an elaborate musical number for "Born to Dance." Producers are planning big things for Grace Moore, Nino Martini, Gladys Swarthout and Paul Robeson. Even the Marx Brothers are flavouring their mad comedy with ambitious melody. But Director W.S. Van Dyke claims credit for the triple-star trio discovery of the year.

As the newest screen vocal sensations, Van Dyke nominates Clark Gable, Crawford and Franchot Tone, singing. "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain When She Comes," in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Love on the Run."

"It was nothing short of an inspiration," said Van Dyke. The director, himself a dramatic tenor, got the idea while relaxing between scenes during the filming of the picture.

Spying an idle piano, Van Dyke suggested a bit of harmony.

Gable was roped in over his protest.

"Although Clark is inclined to run wild, particularly on the chorus," said Van Dyke, "his robust baritone added just the right balance to Joan's soprano and Franchot's tenor."

After trying several old favourites, including "Sweet Adeline," "The Old Oaken Bucket" and "Nellie Gray," the quartet really got into stride on "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain When She Comes."

"It was too good to leave out of the picture," Van Dyke said. "I found a perfect spot for the tune in a scene where the three are riding in the front seat of a truck. Wait until you hear it!"

Van Dyke's voice will not be heard on the screen. He stood on the sidelines, out of microphone range, and hummed.

"HER MASTER'S VOICE"

Everyone who can remember back to the day of close harmony in the corner barber-shop will feel a reminiscent glow creeping over him as he listens to Edward Everett Horton warble "Down by the Old Mill Stream" in "Her Master's Voice," which is showing at the Star Theatre to-day.

"Her Master's Voice" is a sparkling comedy, telling the large measure of woe which has come to middle-aged Ned Farrar, who has lost his job in a radio broadcasting system because his boss and he couldn't agree on the correct way to sob "Down by the Old Mill Stream."

Queenie's Aunt Min comes to call. Unfortunately, while she has never met Ned, she has developed a large and generous grudge against him, and when she finds Ned alone in the house, she mistakes him for George, the servant, and lets out all her grievances against his supposed boss. Ned is so eager not to contradict Aunt Min that he permits her to go on thinking him really George, and she is so impressed by his obsequious attitude that she offers him a job on her estate. Ned accepts the job, to be near Queenie, who will be going to visit her aunt, and they leave.

It is sure to appeal to every true audience.

"VALIANT IS THE WORD FOR CARRIE"

All the power, nobility and lofty sentiment which Barry Benfield's novel, "Valiant Is The Word For Carrie," a best-seller live anew, aided by the magic touch of the motion picture camera and the sterling performances of a great cast, in the screen version of the novel which is showing to-day at the Queen's Theatre.

"Valiant Is The Word For Carrie" brings to the screen Gladys George, famous stage actress, in the title role. She is supported by Arline Judge, John Howard, Dudley Digges, Harry Carey and Isabel Jewell. Miss George is a dramatic actress of exceptional ability and this mother role she creates in this film places her immediately amongst the great of filmdom.

"Valiant Is The Word For Carrie" is the story of a woman of shady reputation who longs for a family of her own. She adopts two waifs, played by Jackie Moran and Charlene Wyatt, and takes them to a distant city. Her

AN ARTIST'S PARADISE

The film colony to-day is a land of promise for the caricaturists whose mediums are the sketch pad and the written word.

All professions have their peculiar distinguishing touches, commercial products have their trade marks, but Hollywood combines them all.

An artist may fill his sketchbook with nameless caricatures that every schoolboy and girl would recognize at a glance. It is no trick for a writer to identify any of a hundred celebrities without resorting to a name.

Dan Sayre Groesbeck, noted illustrator and portrait painter, recently completed a series of caricatures at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, in which he made serious studies of Norma Shearer, Luise Rainer, Myrna Loy, John Barrymore and other distinguished stars.

"It's a natural thing that Hollywood should be an artist's paradise," he commented. "The city deals in personality. That's the stuff of which actors and actresses are created. It isn't affection, but individuality that makes them what they are."

Mary Pickford's curls distinguish her instantly. Irvin S. Cobb's inevitable cigar has become almost a part of him. Eddie Cantor's eyes stare out upon a world that recognizes him regardless of disguise. Wallace Beery, one of the kindest men in Hollywood, produces a scowl that would frighten children if they didn't know him. Jean Harlow hasn't platinum hair any more, but she can't change her languorous voice or her eyes.

Greta Garbo remains mysterious, uncommunicative and beautiful. Nelson Eddy is the blondest star among the masculine celebrities. Clark Gable wears a moustache, or shaves it off, as his current role demands, but his long stride is unmistakable.

The Marx Brothers, of course, couldn't dodge identification anywhere in the world and even refer to themselves as "trade-marks." Robert Taylor's smile that accompanies an expression of youthful gravity, identified him in New York recently and again at the Texas Centennial, when his presence was unheralded.

Eleanor Powell's vivacious manner is peculiarly distinctive. Una Merkel's laugh identifies her anywhere and she never holds it back.

The names and the peculiarities of their owners might be extended indefinitely, because there is scarcely a star in Hollywood who lacks some individual characteristic that is singularly his or her own.

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. will have an opportunity in his next starring vehicle to indulge in some of the acrobatics that first placed his father on the road to fame.

His next film, appropriately titled "Jump for Glory," gives him the role of a "cat-burglar" who enters the bedroom of a society girl on her wedding eve. In one sequence, young Doug is called upon to jump from the roof of a country house to a balcony that is an alarming distance away, and in another to jump out of a window with the girl in his arms.

"Jump for Glory," a Criterion film, will be released through United Artists.

struggle is a hard one but she rears them to glorious manhood and womanhood. The adult roles of the children are played by Arline Judge and John Howard.

Miss Judge is in love with Howard but he doesn't understand. He becomes involved with an adventuresome and broken-hearted, the girl marries another. In an effort to regain the harmony which always prevailed in the family, Carrie goes to the adventures, played by Isabel Jewell, and offers her money. Through this she becomes involved in a fall: eat and is arrested.

Before the trial she is confronted with a grave decision which must be made at once. She can fight the case and win her freedom, which would enable her to return to her little brood. But this would reveal her early reputation which would becloud the lives of the children who do not know. If she doesn't fight the case she will be jailed. But the past will be sealed and the children will never know. It would be unfair to reveal the climax—but we assure you—it's terrific!

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"White Fang," Jack London's thrilling sequel to his great adventure story "Call of the Wild," opens to-day at the Majestic Theatre with Michael Whalen and Jean Muir heading an exceptional

cast that includes Slim Sumner, Charles Whiplinger, the original "Cap'n Henry" of radio fame, John Carradine, Jane Darwell and Thomas Beck.

A Darryl F. Zanuck Twentieth Century production, the picture is heralded as a stirring drama of romance and adventure. Interwoven with the narrative is the biography of "White Fang," son of Buck's mating with the she-wolf in "Call of the Wild."

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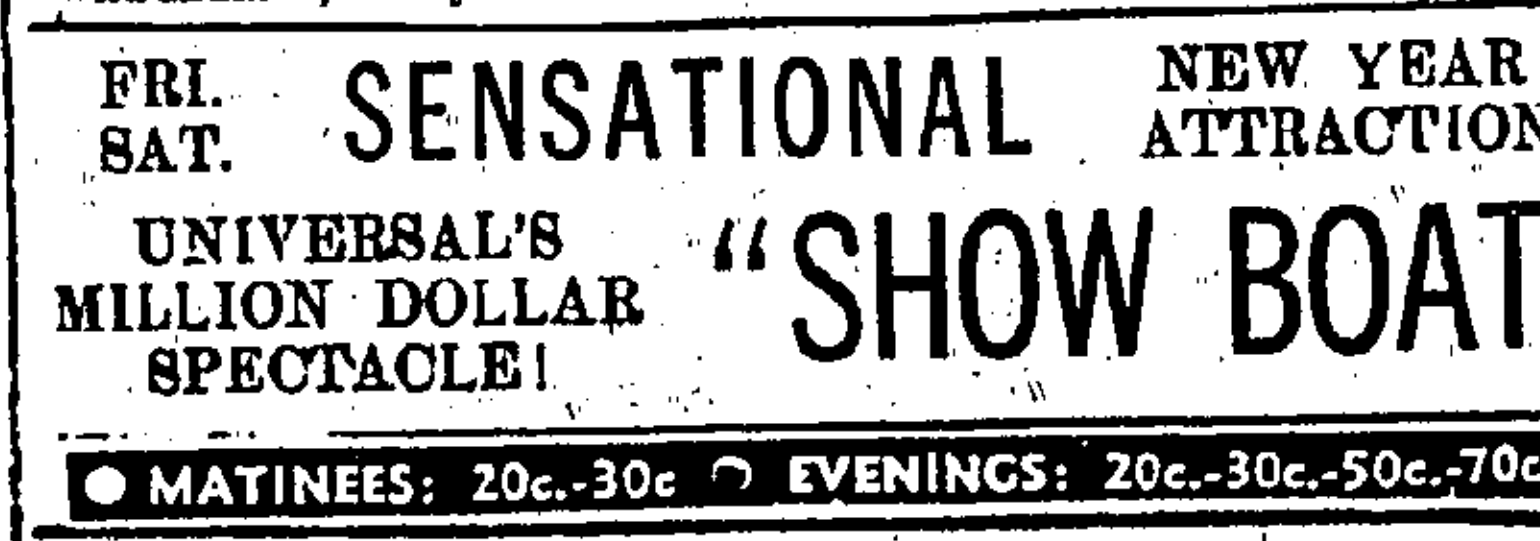
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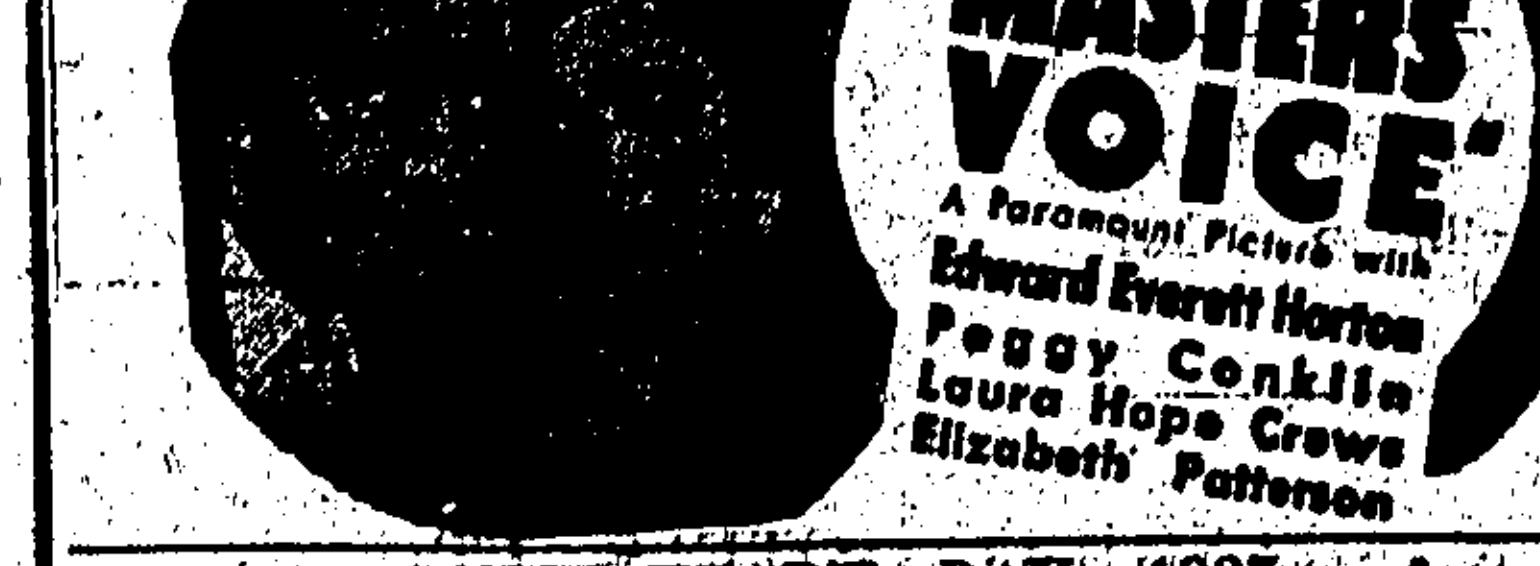


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MORE AND MORE HEROIN

Four Committed To Sessions

Three men, Yu Young Fu, Kwan Yuen and Chan Hang, and a woman named Wong Wah were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged with the possession of 100 ounces of pink mass, known as heroin and 64,870 heroin pills at 84, Des Voeux Road Central on December 16.

Mr. M. J. Abbot, Assistant Crown Solicitor in prosecuting said that it was on December 16 at 8.45 a.m. that Revenue Officer Grimmitt and a party raided the premises and found the four defendants there. On the way up the stairs to the third floor they could detect the odour of opium.

When Mr. Grimmitt entered the premises, he found two defendants asleep in one of the cubicles while the other two were in the rear cubicle, which was the heroin factory. The defendants were searched and their hands were examined. The first three defendants had pink stains on their hands. They were accordingly taken to the Police Station and charged for the possession of heroin.

Mr. Abbot added that there four trays of pills which were still hot when the raiding party arrived. In the front cubicle there was a dressing table containing rice, pills, rubber bands and cloth for carrying the pills. An opium pipe and some pills were found on the bed.

The first defendant said that the woman had nothing to do with the heroin and that she was only employed as a wash amah and her husband, who is the third defendant, accompanied her. He added that so far as everything went he was responsible for her actions.

The second defendant said that he lost his job in the country and was employed as a cook in the house.

The third defendant said that he was not the principal tenant and had no control of the pills.

The woman said that she knew nothing of the red pills and added that she did not know it was so serious. Continuing she said, "My husband was employed as a servant and I followed him here. He knows nothing of this. I hope your Worship would give me a hawker's licence so that my husband and myself could sell things."

Mr. Abbot told his Worship that the last two defendants could not have been servants for when the raiding party arrived, they were asleep while the other two were working. He added that they had a pile of pills on their beds. The four defendants were committed to stand their trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

PO PUI TICKETS

Illegal Possession Draws Heavy Fines

Lam Nin, 20, unemployed, of 180, Portland Street, who was charged with possession of 419 Po Pui tickets valued at \$269, to have been drawn on December 27, and keeping a common gaming house, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Det-Sergeant Hunter stated that on December 27, acting on information, he raided that address with a party of police and found the tickets in defendant's cubicle. His Worship fined the defendant \$50 or six weeks in gaol on the first charge, and \$30 or four weeks imprisonment on the second.

Three Months For Theft Of Fountain-Pen

Fung Tat-kau, 18, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour yesterday when he appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy for the larceny of a fountain pen.

It was alleged that the defendant stole the pen from Wang Nagi Hong at the Hong Kong Football Club ground on December 22.

Wen Pak-sum, a district watchman who was at the vicinity, arrested the defendant. The defendant's statement was that he stole the pen in Canton about a month ago and that he was falsely accused. "I did not steal that pen here for I stole it in Canton," was the defendant's reply to his Worship.

OLD MAN CAUGHT AT SNATCHING

Long Prison Sentence Imposed

Chung Lam, a 52-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour when the appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the larceny of a hand bag from Miss Irene Leung, a student, at Des Voeux Road, West, near Queen's Street.

Sergeant Clarke said that on December 28 at 6.45 p.m. the complainant was walking along Connaught Road with a girl friend when the defendant came behind her and snatched the bag. While the defendant was running he was chased by two coolies who were near the vicinity and was later apprehended by them.

His Worship commended the coolies, Chan Sze and Chan Chung, who were present in Court, for their resourcefulness and gallantry in coming to the aid of the young girl.

Officer Summoned

Ignorance Of Regulations Prompts Dismissal By Magistrate

Lt. G. J. K. Stapleton of the Kowloon Rifles was summoned at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday for keeping two black and white mongrels without a licence and allowing one of them in Cameron Road without a muzzle or a leash on December 3.

Lt. Stapleton was unable to appear in Court as he is in hospital, but he was represented, and a plea of ignorance of Hong Kong's regulations was made.

Mr. E. Himsforth said that it was really hard to understand the regulations of a place in so short a time, and so the defendant was cautioned and dismissed.

Summonees

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. W. Schofield fined L. Well \$5 for leaving car 2498 unattended at Pedder Street on December 16.

G. Chang under graduate of the University and residing at St. John's Hall, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning for leaving private car 721 unattended at Caine Road on December 19. He was warned on a previous summons and his Worship fined him \$10 on two charges.

Careless Driving

Tsang Kuen, of 60, Second Street, third floor, a lorry driver was fined \$30 yesterday at the Central Magistracy when he appeared before Mr. W. Schofield for driving without due care and caution on December 16, on Queen's Road.

Sergeant Freyer said that on December 16 he received a report from the complainant stating that the defendant was driving without due care and caution. The incident happened on Queen's Road about noon. It was alleged that the defendant jammed on the brakes and skidded for about 30 feet.

His Worship told the defendant that it was extremely dangerous to skid on Queen's Road. When the fine was imposed the defendant stated that he only had \$3, but his Worship informed him that he would have to serve a month's imprisonment.

House Falls Down

Sand Secured Without Permission

Sik Wai Lun 46, a monk, and Li Ching Yui, a 44-year-old married woman, appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of removing sand from the side of a stream near Sheung Yuen Ling Village without a permit from the P.W.D.

Defendants said that their house had fallen down and they needed the sand to rebuild it. First defendant was fined \$20 or three weeks in gaol and the second was fined \$50.

RADIATOR CAP THEFTS

Articles Retrieved Very Promptly

Yu Mun, 21, unemployed was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday for the larceny of two radiator caps.

Sergeant Estall said that at 2.15 p.m. on December 28 the defendant was arrested on suspicion at Hennessy Road. He was searched and in his pockets there were found two radiator caps. When the accused was questioned he stated that he took them from two different cars. The constable then accompanied the defendant who brought him to Canal Road West and showed him car 2053 which had no radiator cap. The other was at Morrison Hill Road, Car 1915.

Sgt. Estall told his Worship that there was a great deal of this larceny recently.

The defendant was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Couple Charged With Possession Of Drugs

A woman Liu Wong, and a man named Ho Man were brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning on two charges of (a) possession of 24 tael of prepared opium at 12, Wyndham Street and (b) possession of 30 tael of raw opium at the above address.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for both defendants.

The case was remanded for 24 hours.

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New York.—Women will be wearing "optimistic, glorious clothes" next spring because the seven-year cycle of hard times has ended, according to Captain Edward Molyneux, the famous dress designer.

The little black, sombre dresses of the depression will give place to clothes gay and happy that have been in any since the boom days of 1929, he predicts.

"Materials will be very rich. There will be embroidery again, and brocade," he explained. "In short, women will look glamorous again—which is their duty because it makes men happy."

Asked if men would be wearing "optimistic" clothes too, Captain Molyneux's enthusiasm waned. "No," he said drarily. "I don't think men are going to change much. They are coming to a pretty uniform way of thinking about their clothes."

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ROTARY CLUB

(Continued from Page 1.)

RANKING

A Commander in the Navy, he said, was not the Captain of the ship but was the executive officer.

The mustered men were divided into parties (to look after different parts of the ship) and into messes. The Captain did his duty by not interfering with what the others were doing. (Laughter). The bugle calls were blown over to the men. All were aboard by 9 a.m. on April 2 when Capt. Murray gave them a short talk.

Dealing with the question of officers, Capt. Murray mentioned that there was the executive officer, engineer officers, paymaster, doctor and dentist, captain of the Marines, instructor officers (education played a big part in the Navy's programme nowadays), writers, artificers, etc. There were 653 officers and men aboard the Dorsetshire. Officers in the Navy reached the top ranks through the seniority list but in the executive branch many of them retired with the rank of Commander. It was not their fault and they must not be considered as failures. It was just that there were others better than them.

The detachment of Royal Marines aboard cruisers were the descendants of the days when they used to embark soldiers.

THE CREW

Among the crew aboard there were men of all trades and they could do almost anything, he said. The majority of the men had signed on for 12 years; a few for a short period of 7 years. Many of those who signed for 12 years would sign on again for a further 10 years to qualify for pension.

Among the instructions given to the crew the most important were fire stations and collision stations.

Regarding food, Capt. Murray said that nowadays catering was on a large scale. The Paymaster and his menials ordered meals for 600 men. It was more economical and with very good results.

They were allowed \$1,200 per quarter for stores and they must not spend it all on paint! (Laughter). Oil fuel amounted to 3,000 tons and there were 100 to 200 rounds of ammunition per gun. The latter was embarked under strictest regulations. To paint the ship's sides 700 lbs. of paint was needed.

During their last week in London they had anchor trials, and on April 13, the C-in-C. inspected the ship. The men had their wives and families aboard before they finally set to sea. At sea "man overboard" drill was practised with a life belt and torpedo practice was also held. Torpedoes, he said, travelled for five miles under water.

ROUGH WEATHER AT MALTA

Capt. Murray, in conclusion, said that after leaving Malta they encountered rough weather and called for a tug. They travelled from England to Singapore at the economical speed of 12 or 13 knots. While at Singapore the Dorsetshire received a message to proceed with all despatch to Hong Kong as there had been trouble between Chinese rebel cruisers and the Ning Hai outside Wagon. The Dorsetshire then travelled at 27 knots and completed the journey to Hong Kong in three days instead of six.

SPEAKER THANKED

Rotarian Engr. Capt. Dibley, R. N. thanked the speaker on behalf of the Club and added that when the Dorsetshire returned to Hong Kong again Capt. Murray would not be in command. The Dorsetshire would be leaving very shortly for Home and she would take with her their very best wishes. (Applause).

Before the meeting adjourned, the President wished members a very happy New Year.

R.M.A. Dorado

Two passengers, Mrs. J. N. Idle and Mr. R. Wyatt, both British, arrived here yesterday from Peking on the R.M.A. Dorado.

The plane carried 257,424 kilos of mail and 9,000 kilos of freight.

COLONY'S HEALTH

Of the 14 cases of diphtheria, there were eight deaths, and two of the four victims of enteric fever passed away.

There were altogether 61 deaths due to tuberculosis, and a case of measles reported to the Health Authorities during the week ending on December 28.

SANDAKAN LIGHT AND POWER COY.

Annual Meeting
SUCCESSFUL YEAR

A successful year was reported by the Chairman, Mr. A. L. Shields, at the fourteenth ordinary yearly meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Company Ltd., held yesterday at the head office of the Company, Bank of East Asia Building.

Others present were the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. S. M. Churn (Directors) and Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, A. M. Braga, F. J. Tavares, J. Topplin and J. V. Braga (share holders) and Mr. A. A. Botelho (Secretary).

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—

Mr. Shields said:—Prior to proceeding with the business before the meeting, I have to record with profound regret, the death on August 13 of Mr. C. A. da Rosa, who had been on our Board since December, 1928. His advice and experience have been of great assistance to your Board, who, together with Shareholders, deeply regret his passing.

As the report and accounts have been in your hands for the required period, I propose with your approval to take them as read.

The balance at credit of working account, after charging depreciation and General Managers' Commission, is HK\$29,398.28. Investment income at \$12,044.63 is \$1,542.11 less than last year, some of the Company's investments having in the meantime been sold.

You will also note that the account under consideration has a credit of \$2,104, being profit on sale of investments, and has also benefited to the extent of \$28,267.1, by the transfer of part of the investment fluctuation reserve which is no longer required.

The balance of Profit and Loss Account for the year is \$83,247.09, which deducted from the balance brought forward from last year's account, leaves the Profit and Loss Account with a debit of \$238.20.

During the year we have to report a small increase in the number of both lighting and power units consumed, but the improvement in the working account over last year is largely due to the lower exchange used to convert the Sandakan figures to Hong Kong currency.

OPTIMISTIC FEELING

It is difficult to make any forecast about the future but I believe there is a more optimistic feeling in British North Borneo than there has been for the past few years.

Our manager and resident engineer in Sandakan reports that the plant and buildings have been kept in good repair and the plant in good running order.

I now propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and the debit balance of \$238.20 carried forward to next year's account, and when this has been seconded I shall endeavour to answer any question from shareholders.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga seconded and the adoption was approved. Hon. Mr. Braga and Mr. Churn were re-elected Directors and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Management of the Hong Kong Hotel advises that there will be no Tea Dance in the Roof Garden of that establishment on December 31st, but a Special Tea Dance will take place on Friday, January 1st, when entertainment will be provided. The charge on this occasion will be \$2.00 per person.

Christmas Party

KOWLOON UNION CHURCH

The youngsters who gathered at the Church Hall of the Kowloon Union Church yesterday, had a most enjoyable afternoon.

It was the occasion of the annual Christmas party held by the Sunday School.

After tea was served, carols were sung with enthusiasm and all participated in games.

All of the fifty children who attended, left the Hall with glowing smiles, which clearly testified

CORRESPONDENCE

STREET SALE OF FLOWERS

(The Editor, "Hong Kong Daily Press.")

Dear Sir,—I beg to be allowed space in your valuable columns to inform the public that my Chamber will be holding a Street Sale of Flowers in order to obtain the necessary funds to run our free schools on the 30th instant. Permission for this drive has already been granted by the Authorities.

I may add that support given us by the public last year has greatly assisted us in our work of providing for the ten free schools under our aegis when lack of funds had at one time threatened their closure.

As all pupils are admitted to our schools entirely free of any charge, you will appreciate that we must depend on charitable support in some measure and to ensure the success of our drive, I hope we may rely upon your valuable assistance by according us a little publicity in this connection.

Thanking you in anticipation,
Yours faithfully,
LAU KING TSING
December 29, 1936.

CHINESE ALLIGATORS AT THE ZOO

Two Rare Specimens

ADDITIONS TO THE REPTILE HOUSE

The most valuable reptiles which the London Zoo has received for a long time are two Chinese alligators which reached the Reptile House recently. Chinese alligators are so rare that there was a question as to whether they were actually extinct, and the single specimen which the Zoo has possessed for nearly 30 years was thought to be the last the Zoological Society would be able to exhibit. They are to be found only on the Yangtze river, and most collectors who have been invited to hunt for them have declined to visit their supposed haunts on account of the danger from Chinese pirates and brigands.

The newcomers are not quite full grown, measuring about 5ft. in length, whereas "Chink," the old inhabitant of the Reptile House, which is adult, is a little more than 6ft. long. This is comparatively small for alligators, but the Chinese species never attains more than half the size of full-grown Mississippi alligators. They are greenish-black in colour, speckled above with yellow, and unlike the American species, their fingers and toes are not webbed.

Judging from the records in old Chinese literature, they must formerly have been much more common than they are now. It might appear remarkable that the homes of the only two species of alligators now living should be so far separated as the Mississippi and the Yangtze-kiang. But in former epochs alligators had a very wide distribution, their fossil remains being found even in Europe. No doubt the two remaining species were once linked geographically by other now extinct forms.

SOURCE OF TROUBLE

Although "Chink" is among the oldest inhabitants of the Reptile House, he is a perpetual source of trouble to the keepers, for he is too pugnacious to share a pool with the immature crocodiles and alligators and too small to hold his own with the larger ones. He is obliged to spend a few months alternately with either group. After a spell with the adults he is too cowed to fight the smaller ones and when at last he has to be transferred, he is hearty enough to bluff his way for some time among his larger companions.

After closing time in the Reptile House, "Chink" and the largest Mississippi alligator, which is so fierce that it has to be penned separately, may usually be heard calling to each other from opposite ends of the house with a deep snorting roar, a sound which appears to be made only by the most aged animals.

that old Saint Nicholas was a grand person.

The Rev. J. D. MacLean, the pastor of Kowloon Union Church, was present to help the children spend the afternoon profitably.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Meeting This Afternoon

The following is the order of business at the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held at 2.30 this afternoon.

MOTIONS

The Colonial Secretary will move:—

That the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 11), dated December 18, 1936, be adopted.

The Attorney General will move:—

That the Companies (Winding-up) Rules, 1936, and the Companies (Fees) Order, 1936, both dated December 9, 1936, made by the Chief Justice under section 282 of the Companies Ordinance, 1932, Ordinance No. 39 of 1932, be approved, to come into operation on the first day of January, 1937.

The Attorney General will move the first reading of:—

"A Bill to amend the Telecommunication Ordinance, 1936."

"A Bill to make provision for a temporary percentage levy on the salaries of public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service and to provide for the exchange rate at which sterling salaries, when paid in the Colony, are to be converted."

The Attorney General will move the second reading of:—

"A Bill further to amend the law relating to Pensions."

"A Bill to amend the Quarantine and Prevention of Disease Ordinance, 1935."

"A Bill to provide for the total or partial cessation of lighting in the Colony by Regulation of the Governor in Council on occasions of emergency or public danger, or by way of experiment or practice for such occasions."

"A Bill to make provision for the protection of certain wild animals."

"A Bill to amend further the Currency Ordinance, 1935."

"A Bill to amend further the Building Ordinance, 1935."

"A Bill to prohibit the sale, export for sale and the possession for sale, before July 1, 1937, of Coronation Souvenirs without a clear indication of their origin."

How The Atom Is Split

Action Under Intensely High Temperatures

Modern atom-splitting is carried on under conditions equivalent to a temperature of 7,000 degrees Centigrade, according to Professor E. N. de C. Andrade, of University College, London.

"In ordinary chemistry," Professor Andrade explains in his book, "The New Chemistry," just published, "we have often to apply heat to effect our reactions, the temperatures attained in our laboratory furnaces running up to about 3,000 degrees Centigrade."

At such temperatures the particles which make up any form of matter are in very rapid movement.

"What we do in our electrical guns" (in atom-splitting), he proceeds, "is to give the reacting atoms a great energy of motion; in other words, we produce the same effect as a very high temperature would. What temperature would we need to produce for every atom to have the energy we get when working with a million volts? It comes out to about 7,000 million degrees."

This, he points out, is many times hotter than the highest temperatures believed to exist inside the hottest stars.

NEW CHEMISTRY

Professor Andrade quotes one form of atomic change, that of the combination of the element lithium and hydrogen, to form the gas, helium, which would release ten million times as much energy, if carried out on a large scale, as would the burning of an equivalent weight of coal.

"In the new chemistry," he comments, "we are so far without any precise knowledge of the conditions, necessary for wholesale conversion. It may be that we shall never be able to utilize atomic energy, but even if this is so, we may take comfort from the fact that it is certain that the atomic heat engine would be speedily followed by the atomic bomb. The pursuit of the new chemistry is, none the less desirable, if it does

DEATH OF MR. W. M. PITTENDRIGH

Popular Business Man Passes

FUNERAL YESTERDAY

The death occurred at the War Memorial Nursing Home in the early hours of yesterday of Mr. William McKenzie Pittendrigh, principal of the firm of Pittendrigh and Wilson, importers and exporters. He was in his 55th year and was a victim to pneumonia.

The late Mr. Pittendrigh had resided in the Colony for a period of 30 years. He was well-known and popular amongst his friends. He first came to Hong Kong to join the legal firm of Deacon, Looker and Deacon, and later joined the German Import and Export firm of Arndt and Co. Subsequently, he served in France in the Great War with the Northumberland Fusiliers, being badly wounded.

When the war was over, Mr. Pittendrigh returned to Hong Kong and started the firm of Pittendrigh and Wilson, with which he had ever since been associated as head.

Deceased leaves a wife and five children, who are at Home, and with whom much sympathy will be felt.

The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday evening, the Rev. Cyril Brown, Chaplain of the Missions to Seamen, officiating at the graveside.

Among those present were Messrs. Andrew Tse, G. W. Reeve, C. W. Jeffries, F. J. de Rome, L. B. Holmes, W. Logan, U. Rumlahn, W. J. Hansen and many others.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—A. Ritchie, Karsten Larsen, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace J. Hansen, Miss W. San and family, Andrew Tse, Lt.-Col. R. C. Hovenden, R.N., Mrs. Bathurst and Barbara, E. P. B. Lang, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Harriman, M. and Mme. R. Ohl, G. W. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Silva and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Servanin and Yvonne, C. A. Yolle, H. A. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Max Steger, Messrs. Dina and Esther Rosenberg, U. Rumlahn, F. J. de Rome, G. W. Reeve, S. Berry, Messrs. Deacons, Ah Soong, W. K. Tung, Lam Yat, Chow Ping, Dollar Man, Chow Ping, Ah Chan, Chan Tek Am and Chan Kam Tong.

As a mark of respect the flags at the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club and the Hong Kong Golf were flown at half mast yesterday.

OBITUARY

The Late Mr. R. Packham

On December 10 last the death took place at his home, "Meadway," in the pretty Sussex village of Southwick, of Mr. Ralph Packham, a former resident of Hong Kong for many years.

The late Mr. Packham, who was 69 years of age, retired from Hong Kong in 1925 after many years of valued service with the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company. In Hong Kong, he was one of the original members of the Kowloon Residents' Association, his home being at Kimberley Villas; also, he took a close interest in the work of St. Andrew's Church from its inception. Returning to his native Sussex he continued his active church work at St. Julian's, Southwick, one of the oldest churches in England. His public work included membership of the Urban District Council, school management under the local education authority, etc.

Mrs. Packham and two daughters, Miss Packham and Mrs. Herdridge, mourn his loss.

The funeral took place in the secluded churchyard of St. Julian's on December 14.

It did not seem possible so far to turn it to, destructive ends.

Professor Andrade believes, however, that it may be possible to make some of the new "artificial" radio-active elements on a sufficient scale to be medically useful. This is because of their enormous energy. "Radio-sodium," the radio-active form of the chemical element sodium, of common salt, is, for example, about a million times as active as radium itself. Very little of it therefore, would be needed.

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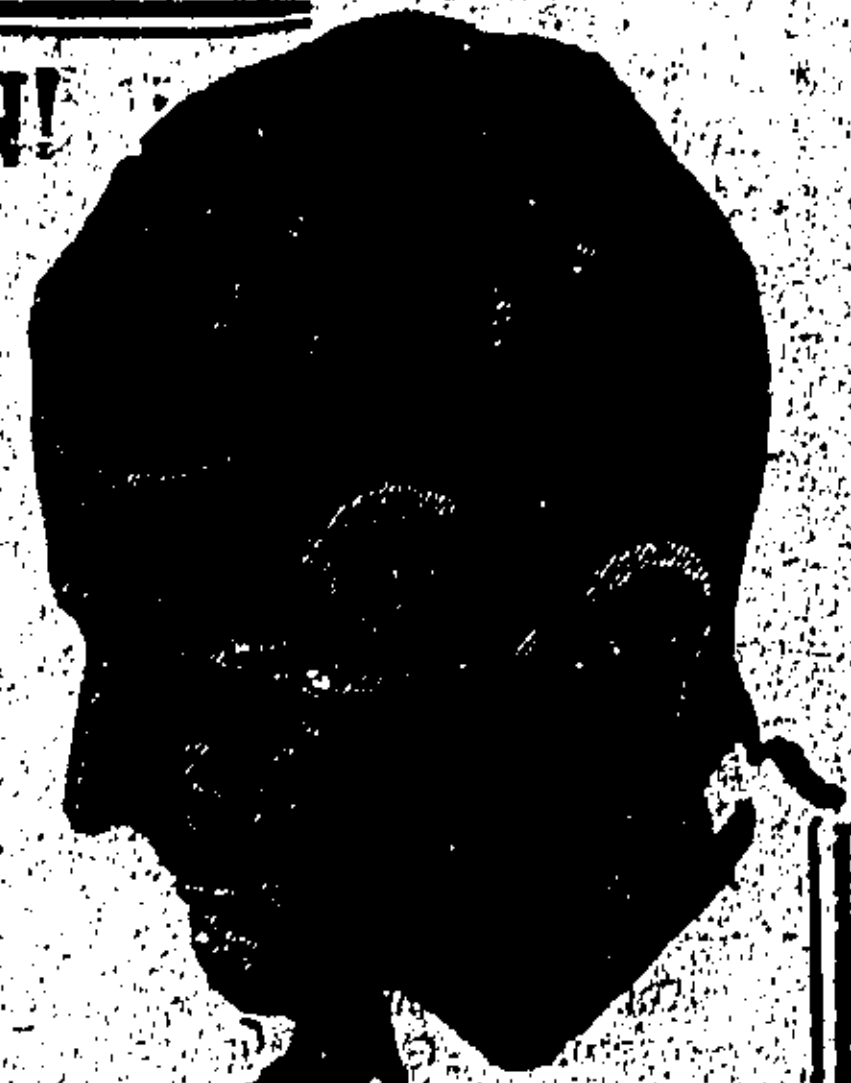
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Hong Kong, 28th Dec., 1936.

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G. R. NOTICE.

ARMS LICENCES

Holders of Arms Licences are reminded that Arms Licences are due for renewal on 1st January, 1937 (Fee \$10.00 per Licence). Licensees should call at the Accounts Office, Police Headquarters between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily (Sundays and Public Holidays excepted), with their arms and Licences.

Sd. T. H. KING,
Inspector General of Police.

30.12.36.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I the undersigned have severed my connection as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Wong Vieira & Co., China Building, Queen's Road Central as from the 31st December, 1936.

JOSE MARIA VIEIRA.
Hong Kong, 31st Dec., 1936.

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NOTICE.

We have this day moved our offices to 2, CHATER ROAD (premises recently vacated by The P. & O. Banking Corporation).

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The office of the Hong Kong Football Association will be removed to room No. 205, 2nd Floor, of the Gloucester Building, with effect from 1st January, 1937. The telephone No. will be 30751.

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ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY

The new Term opens on Monday, Jan. 4th. An examination for new Students will be held on Jan. 2nd at 9 a.m. For prospectus, for boarders and day-boys, apply, Fund Man Sul, Esq., Chan Pak Luk, Esq., Messrs. H. Wicking, Prince's Building (Tel. 30241), or to St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

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DEATHS

PACKHAM.—On December 10, 1936, at Meadow, Kingston Lane, Southwick, Sussex, Ralph Packham, formerly of Hong Kong, aged 69. Deeply regretted.

IVY.—On December 10, 1936, at Greystoke, Greenhill Road, Wyke, Green, Warwickshire, Robert Sutcliffe Ivy, formerly of Shanghai. For 19 years District Grand Master of English Freemasons in Northern China.

BROWN.—On December 10, 1936, at Radnor Park House, 6, Radnor Park West, Folkestone, George Brown, late H.M. Consul in China, beloved husband of Emmie Brown, in his 68th year.

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SHOULD MICE FLY?

Judging by certain aeronautical information received in Hong Kong, it appears mice are desirous of flying.

Hence these thoughts on the subject:

Man's conquest of the air has been achieved through the solution of a variety of problems. From the first they have been the sort of problems which the layman leaves, with alacrity, to the expert; and as aviation has advanced they have virtually disappeared from his ken into a jungle of technical complexities. So the layman (who likes, poor fellow, to delude himself that he is keeping abreast of the new developments in his era) will be delighted to find that the latest problem facing the modern aeronaut is a domestic one with which the layman himself is in all probability not unfamiliar. The extrusion or annihilation of mice in aircraft is assuming in flying circles the dimensions of a dilemma.

To most of us it will be news that mice go in for flying at all. They do not look as if they did. One does not associate them with the upper air, nor with the glittering and intricate machines which nowadays frequent it.

Burns never dreamt that the timorous beastie which he apostrophized with such manly condescension would one day cleave the empyrean at 200 miles an hour.

We have, it is clear, been under-estimating mice.

It would seem that airport officials have fallen into a like error. They complain, according to reports in British publications, that they are having difficulty in keeping mice out of their machines, and no doubt they know what they are talking about. But do they know what they are doing?

Why shouldn't mice fly? Their presence on board passenger aeroplanes would strike a homely, reassuring note. Travellers unaccustomed to the air are sometimes nervous; but a man who shares his perils with a mouse can hardly give way to his fears so long as the mouse maintains its composure.

Moreover the little creatures may prove to be of the greatest service to the cause of aviation.

Pliny the Elder noted in his natural history that "when a building is about to fall down all the mice desert it"; and nobody, so far as we know, has ever seriously disputed the fact that mice, and rats as well, possess this valuable premonitory instinct.

It would come in most useful in the air. Provided with a small emergency exit, and equipped with tiny parachutes, the mice could, by leaving the aeroplane in a body, tactfully call attention to the fact that disaster impended.

It is true that the prophets might be without honour in the country on which they finally descended; but that does not detract from the value of their powers of divination.

Besides, in the last analysis, why shouldn't mice fly?

It would be niggardly in us to deny them an experience which

United States President's Salary

LOCAL RESIDENT'S OPINION

(To the Editor, "Daily Press"). Sir,—Nearly everything in today's article about the President of the United States is erroneous or exaggerated.

He now receives \$75,000 a year for salary and \$25,000 a year for travelling expenses. If expended. The White House includes the office of the President as well as his residence. It is presumable that the cost of special trains, hotel bills and tips is taken care of in the travelling allowance. Not all the White House servants are paid by the Government. The inclusion of the Vice-President at cabinet meetings was inaugurated by President Harding in 1921.

Until the early part of the century, the President's salary was \$50,000 with no travelling allowance—less than that of the Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies and much less than that of many heads of state.

But why his position should be compared with that of Britain's Prime Minister is beyond comprehension.

Yours etc.,

M. O. D.
We are indebted to "M. O. D." for this information which will doubtless prove enlightening to the special representative of the "Daily Express," London, from whose article we published the figures which "M. O. D." has contradicted. It is, however, significant that although the facts as contained in this article were given wide publicity through the medium of a famous British newspaper with a daily circulation exceeding 2,000,000 copies, yet no corrections, official or otherwise, have since appeared in the publication.

JAPANESE FISHING IN SOVIET WATERS

Moscow, Dec. 28.

A provisional agreement permitting Japanese fishing vessels to continue fishing in Soviet Russian waters was signed by the deputy people's commissar for foreign affairs, Stomoniakov, and the Japanese Ambassador, Shigemitsu, here on Monday.

Transocean News Service.

ONE YEAR ONLY

Moscow, Dec. 28.

A protocol establishing a temporary basis for continuation of the Russo-Japanese fisheries treaty has been signed here by representatives of the two Governments. It is for the period of 1937 only.

It was recently reported that Russia would refuse to renew the recently announced German-Japanese anti-Communist treaty.—Reuter.

MILAN EXPLOSION

Milan, Dec. 28.

10 persons were killed and a number seriously injured by an explosion under one of the principal squares of this city on Monday afternoon. The power of the explosion was so great that the pavement of the square was torn up for a considerable section. It is feared that the total death toll may be even greater than so far announced, since the frightful panic which followed the explosion made investigations extremely difficult. The cause of the accident is so far undetermined.

Transocean News Service.

must assuredly broaden their minds.

All down the ages they have seen things from below, skimming cautiously among the extremities of giants, dwarfed by the snowy plateau of the dining-room table, awed by the towering luxuriance of the umbrella stand. From time to time one of their number, escaping from the claws of a kestrel, has lived to tell the tale of what the earth looks like from above; but this is the first opportunity they have had of putting our planet in its place, of acquiring true perspective.

What does flying feel like for a mouse? It would be a shame to relegate the species to an earth-bound existence before we discover—preferably through Mr. Disney—the answer to this question.

EXCLUSIVE FEATURE

DIVERTING ASPECTS

PEIPING'S PIGEON WHISTLES

BY

PHILIP NESBITT

During my visit to that ancient and blue wall city of Peiping, the very first impression, and one which was to thereafter remain perhaps the most delightful, was the sound of the pigeon whistles. The morning of the first awakening brought the eerie and disturbingly musical sounds to my ears. I heard them from far off, out through the open window, across the courtyard, over the roof tops, off in the pale blue of that winter sky.

Many of the pigeon flocks that take flight above Peiping have a leader pigeon, upon whose tail is tied the whistle. Little bamboo instruments, so contrived as to receive the wind down their fluted length, not unlike the "pipes of Pan" in appearance, are the source of sound.



One day I climbed with several good companions up the steps of one of the temple hilltops, from which the misty and level expanse of Peiping may be seen at advantage. It was a cold day, and sound carried clearly and easily across the city. The eye could just perceive the flocks of pigeons, dipping and wheeling out in the sky. A sort of secondary sense of hearing asserted itself. The whistles of the pigeons were not apparent at first, in sound; they only became so when the ear made extra effort. Then it was that the whole quaint and mystic symphony of sound came to the listener. It was little like the possible and imaginary musical notes created by diminutive planets spinning in some smaller cosmos.

The Chintaman is a genuine lover of birds. The elderly gentlemen, philosophers and poetically minded oldsters who stroll about Peiping in meditative moods, carry cages of golden canaries. This affection for the winged ones carries on to pigeons. When young the pigeons are familiarized with the almost weightless air whistles. Again, I confess, I am interested in the whistles themselves. Sometimes they are but two tubed whistles, again they are five. Not only are they made of bamboo, but sometimes ornate with as many as ten tubes and a "mouth-piece." This is eloquently termed "the eleven-eyed one."

The Chinese people themselves have a more or less adequate explanation of the whys and wherefores of the use of whistles with pigeons. Claimed primarily as a means of confining each flock, and making it distinguishable to the owner, earth-bound and encaptured with the music of the special pigeons, they (the whistles) also seem to serve as a means of protection from the ravages of other and less favoured birds of prey. I cannot see, this last. It might even work in a reverse sense. Why should not a music loving hawk, attracted by the joyous note of the whistles, fly right into the very middle of the pigeon flock and take his fill of fat, whistling Peiping pigeons?



In these machine glorifying days such aesthetic pleasures as listening to delightful sounds, struggle to remain as true abstract delights of the mind. Indeed, to hear the whistling pigeons one must journey across the heaving, many times undulated and vast bosom of mother Pacific to Japan, across that bristling-with-military-airs little country, climb aboard a small steamer at Kobe, wrestle with the tempest dedicated God of mal-de-mer until one arrives in Peiping. It is a long pilgrimage, as you can see, but quite worth the candle. Of course, the travellers of to-day go to China for a score of reasons other than to listen to the odd and eerie notes of a pigeon whistle. I met several, during the crossing, who were going to tend the finances of a tottering sausage skin factory, and another who planned to seek out verdigris encrusted bronzes (he had a scraggly red beard and smoked a pipe which had an air not unlike that which floats hauntingly about the fertilizer factory of South San Francisco).

There, it is apparent that one goes west for any number of reasons. Some to see if the ladies of the Orient are like those here, or to unearth dinosaur eggs, or to taste roast duck, or to

A Pipe With Friends



Here is Mr. Keith Robinson, complete with pipe, with Lt.-Comdr. Jonas and a fair friend at the Faelling Races.

CLAN CHIEF'S DAUGHTER MARRIED

Brilliant Scene In Oban Cathedral

The Macdougall tartan predominated in St John's Episcopal Cathedral, Oban, recently at the wedding of a daughter of the hereditary chief of the Clan.

The bride was Jean Louisa Morag, second-eldest daughter of Colonel Macdougall of Macdougall and Mrs Macdougall of Macdougall, of Dunollie Castle, Oban, and the bridegroom was Dr Stephen Hadfield, Dunmow, Essex, son of Dr and Mrs Hadfield, Essex.

The Cathedral, which was crowded, was decorated with bronze and white chrysanthemums, and the company present included estate workers and tenants from Dunollie and the island of Kerrera.

GROOM IN HIGHLAND DRESS

The flag of the Macdougalls was hoisted above the ruins of the twelfth-century stronghold of the Clan, situated on a high rock overlooking Oban Bay. The bride and bridegroom are descendants of the Macdougalls of Lorn.

The bridegroom wore Highland dress, as did also the best man, Dr Allan Macfarlane, Stirling.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of deep cream satin. She carried a bouquet of arm lilies tied with Macdougall tartan ribbon. Her lace veil, a family heirloom, was lent by the bridegroom's mother.

The six bridesmaids were the Maid of Lorn, and Miss H. Macdougall (sisters of the bride), Miss Sheila O'Hare, Miss Edith Simpson, Miss Iona Houston, and Miss Elizabeth Lyell.

CREAM VELVET DRESSES.

They wore dresses of cream velvet with gold lame sashes lined with scarlet, and favoured hair wreaths of gold leaves clasped with small scarlet flowers. They carried bouquets of cream chrysanthemums.

Miss Janet Macdougall, cousin of the bride, was train-bearer.

Representatives of well-known Highland families were among those present, and included Captain Macdougall of Drumnell and Mrs Macdougall; Rear-Admiral Campbell, Oban, and Mrs Campbell; Miss Campbell of Airds; General Sir Frederick Campbell and Mrs Campbell; The Captain of Dunstaffnage; Lady Patten Macdougall of Gallanach; Colonel Stewart of Achara, and Mrs Stewart; Mr H. Macdonald of Dunach; Colonel Maclean of Kilchrenan; Mr John Maclean of Bellechin; Colonel Campbell Baldwin of Melfort; and Sheriff Chalmers, Oban.

A reception was afterwards held at Dunollie Castle.

HEAVY CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC

London, Dec. 28.

Christmas traffic both through the Post Office and on the railways exceeded even the expectations of officials, who were prepared for large increases on last year's figures, in view of the many signs of greater prosperity.

In two days, the Post Office delivered 200,000,000 letters, while deliveries of parcels on Christmas Day were seventy-five per cent. greater than last year.—British Wireless.

become married or exploit the sacred interests of the Standard Oil, or even to listen to the lovely notes of a whistle attached to the tail feathers of a white pigeon whirling his way across the sky over Peiping. It's a toss-up. I am hoping to go again to listen to the pigeon whistles. Someday.

SINO-JAPANESE PROBLEMS

Negotiations To Be Resumed

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

Consul-General Yakichiro Suma, was told by Foreign Minister Chang Chun in Nanking on Saturday, according to the "Nichi Nichi," that Chinese feeling towards Japan will not be aggravated as a result of the Sian incident. There is a view in Nanking circles that the Sino-Japanese negotiations should be resumed and relations adjusted, and he suggested that an agreement might be possible on all pending questions except those having to do with North China and co-operation against Communism.

The Government is prepared to resume negotiations, he ended, as soon as settlement of the Sian incident is in sight.

The Japanese attitude, states the paper's correspondent, is that negotiations on political matters should begin as the Sian rebellion has been quelled. Regarding an economic entente, however, Japan is prepared to talk at any time.—Union News.

NEW INSTRUCTIONS

Shanghai, Dec. 29.

Japanese Ambassador Shigeru Kawagoe is scheduled to come here to-morrow from Nanking and will call for Japan to receive new instructions for the settlement of Sino-Japanese problems.

It is learned that China and Japan have reached an agreement in settlement of the Chengtu incident, in which two Japanese journalists were killed by a mob. Terms of the settlement will be announced to-night or to-morrow.

As a result of the Sian revolt, Japanese circles here state that Tokyo will adopt a new policy towards China. This subject was discussed here to-day by Major-General Seichi Kita, Japanese Military Attaché, Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, commanding the Third Japanese Squadron in Chinese waters, and other high Japanese military and naval officials.—Union News.

B.B.C. ACTIVITY

London, Dec. 28.

During the past year more than 30 broadcasts from the Empire overseas including the change-over of Viceroy in India, and the meeting of the Governor-General, of Canada and the President of the United States, were carried out by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Empire Service has now completed its fourth year of regular working, arrangements for 1937 include a remarkable broadcast next Sunday in the course of which 24 nations will exchange greetings over the air.

The programme has been organised under the auspices of the International Broadcasting Union.—British Wireless.

PREPARING FOR CORONATION

London, Dec. 28.

The Office of Works will take possession of Westminster Abbey next week with a view to preparations for the Coronation ceremony in May. The Abbey will be re-opened to the public in August.—British Wireless.

EFFORT TO HALT SPANISH WAR FOREIGN VOLUNTEER QUESTION

No Replies Yet To Joint Proposals To Powers

London, December 29. No replies have yet been received to the representations made on behalf of the British and French Governments in Berlin, Rome, Moscow and Lisbon that the Governments in these four capitals should take appropriate legislative or other steps to end the flow of foreign volunteers to the contending forces in Spain.

The communications made to the four Governments are reported to be receiving consideration, but it is suggested that some days may elapse before all replies are delivered and that in some cases they will not come to hand until New Year.—British Wireless.

GERMAN VIEWPOINT

Berlin, Dec. 28. In connection with repeated attempts, especially those of the English and French governments, to bring the attention of the European powers to the extreme importance of the volunteer question as a vital issue in the non-intervention policy in respect to the Spanish civil war, it is emphasized in German political circles that there can be no question of gaining German adherence to a policy of non-interference since Germany herself made the first and most comprehensive proposals for such a policy.

Her efforts, however, were rendered fruitless from the beginning through the attitude of the Soviet Union and also authoritative circles in France. The damage which thus resulted can scarcely be rectified through belated diplomatic activity especially when the former actions of the Soviet Union and France which are contrary to the non-intervention policy are now ignored. Such activity being directed, as it is, principally towards Germany, not only aims in the false direction but serves to conceal the actual state of events and to obscure the question of guilt about which no doubt has been left, due to the attitude long prevalent in influential Marxist circles.

It is declared that if all powers actually have the intention of establishing a general and effective non-interference there would be no interest in attempting an obscure issue.

"WRONG ADDRESS"

Berlin, Dec. 28. Franco-British representations regarding the maintenance of the non-intervention agreement in Spain were to-day characterized in an official commentary as diplomatic notes "delivered to the wrong address."

The German authorities maintain that they made the first far-reaching proposals regarding the prevention of foreign volunteers taking service in Spain, but the success of their efforts were sabotaged from the beginning by the attitude of the Soviet Union and leaders in France.

The damage caused by this attitude can scarcely be repaired by belated diplomatic activity, the commentary adds.

It seems unlikely that an immediate reply will be given to the Anglo-French questions, put forward with a view to obtaining the German attitude and clarifying the situation. The spokesman described these questions as "not entirely simple."

FRENCH LABOUR CONFLICT

Threat To Naval Programme

Paris, Dec. 28. Another set-back threatens France's naval programme, in the shape of a serious labour conflict in shipyards involving over 12,000 men.

A meeting has been called for tonight and it is expected the men will denounce the recently achieved labour contract with employers, owing to an alleged rise in the cost of living. They will probably demand a 15 per cent. increase in wages.

A dispute has also arisen in the famous Penboat Yard, where the onetime Queen of the Atlantic, the Normandie, was built. In view of the recent introduction, on labour's demand, of a 40-hour week here, employers declined to give extra holidays at Christmas and New Year.—Reuter.

REMOVAL FROM MADRID

British Government Decision

London, Dec. 28. His Majesty's Government has decided to instruct Mr. Ogilvie-Forbes, British Charge d'Affaires at Madrid, to close the Embassy and to withdraw his staff and remaining British subjects to Valencia, present seat of the Spanish Government.

As regards humanitarian and relief work, the Spanish Government has now made, through the League of Nations, efforts to obtain the services of such experts as they consider necessary and will examine the reports of these experts before taking any further decision.

Unless the Spanish Government has received reports of these experts the question of organised international relief measures does not arise.

Further, in regard to voluntary organisation already at work in Spain, and which are allowed to continue their individual activities it will no doubt be possible for Mr. Forbes to visit Madrid from time to time, should occasion arise, to give such advice or render such assistance as may be possible. As regards the maintenance of the Embassy itself at Madrid, measures for keeping both the staff and British subjects who are still there supplied with necessary provisions must necessarily have become increasingly difficult. Such difficulties will be considerably smaller in Valencia where British ships can co-operate in dealing with the problems of maintenance and supplies.

Exact details regarding the withdrawal are being left to the discretion of Mr. Forbes, who will bear in mind both the needs of the British interests and British subjects.—British Wireless.

MANY DIFFICULTIES

London, Dec. 28. The transfer of the British Embassy from Madrid to Valencia is due to the fact that there seems no prospect of an early return of a Spanish Government to Madrid. Hence, the British representative, Mr. Ogilvie-Forbes, is not in a good position to maintain close contact with important political authorities.

Moreover, measures to supply the Embassy staff with the necessary provisions are becoming increasingly difficult. With regard to the voluntary relief expeditions and organisations, it is pointed out that Mr. Forbes will be able to visit Madrid periodically and give them the necessary assistance.—Reuter.

KING OF ALBANIA TO MARRY

Hungarian Countess As Bride

Budapest, Dec. 28. King Achmed Zogu I of Albania has become engaged to the Hungarian Countess Hanna Mike, according to rumours circulating here. The Countess who has been living at Rome for some time arrived here by plane on Monday, but refused to deny or confirm the reports of the engagement with the King and merely declared: "I cannot say anything on the subject. The matter has not reached the official stage anyhow. You won't hear anything from me regarding this affair."

The Countess Hanna Mike, who is 18 years old, is the daughter of the late Count Armin Mike, and is regarded as one of the outstanding beauties of the Hungarian aristocracy. She is also known for her elegance and her charm. Her father, who died a few years ago, was one of Hungary's richest landowners although the greater part of his estates was situated in Transylvania which was ceded to Roumania after the war.

King Achmed Zogu I, it will be recalled, celebrated his 41st birthday on October 8 and is thus more than twice as old as Countess Hanna Mike.—Transocean News Service.

GIANT AIRLINER CRASHES

Los Angeles, Dec. 28. Twelve are reported to have been killed when a giant airliner crashed in a storm on the mountain side 20 miles from the Burbank Airport.—Reuter.

ONE MILLION FLORINS

Oil Magnate's Gift To Germany

Berlin, Dec. 29. Sir Henry Deterding, prominent oil magnate, has donated ten million florins to Germany.



The German newspaper "Angriff" describes the gift as a gigantic one of foodstuffs for "winter help" which will be purchased from Holland.

Sir Henry Deterding has long been regarded as one of the leading friends of New Germany.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

STOCK EXCHANGE VALUES

Effect Of Trade Of Shares

London, Dec. 29. The effect which active trade and rising commodity prices had upon stocks and shares of equity class is strikingly illustrated in the customary review of Stock Exchange values published by the Bankers' Magazine.

The aggregate value of 365 representative securities on December 16 exceeded that for the corresponding date of 1935 by £370,844,000 or 5.3 per cent., while the latest valuation of 278 securities of variable dividend class reveals an increase of £319,667,000 or 14.6 per cent.

The recovery among shares of companies belonging to the depressed industries provides one of the most satisfactory features of the year's movements as, for example, foreign railway stocks, the list of which shows an appreciation of 70.5 per cent.

The combined list of nine selected rubber shares displays a rise of 57.8 per cent., and five selected shipping companies improved by over 18 per cent.—Reuter.

FURTHER DROP IN UNEMPLOYMENT

New Year Optimism

London, Dec. 29. A further drop in figures of unemployment in the New Year is forecast by leading industrialists and business organisations which anticipate considerable expansion in trade in the coming months. Optimism is high in the coal, iron and steel and heavy industries generally.

The Earl of Dudley Chairman of the British Iron and Steel Federation expresses the opinion that trade prospects have never been brighter since the war.

The general improvement in staple trades and resultant increase of spending power of the public will, it is believed, affect all branches of trade and the reopening of certain overseas markets for coal and other commodities has made the outlook in South Wales and other coalfields more hopeful than for many years.

Encouragement is also afforded by the course of the commodity markets.—British Wireless.

POPE'S HEALTH

Vatican City, Dec. 28. The condition of His Holiness the Pope is unchanged and he is still suffering from intermittent pains in the leg due to the fact that the varicose ulcers are not responding to treatment.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FRIENDSHIP WITH FRANCE

United For Peace

MR. CHURCHILL ON COMMON IDEALS

The relations between the British and French democracies and the rest of Europe were discussed by Mr. Winston Churchill and M. Paul-Reynaud at a luncheon of the Anglo-French Luncheon Club, held recently at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland Avenue.

Mr. Churchill, who presided, said that these were great days for the friendship between England and France. Never did he remember a period when the two great Western democracies were more closely united in ideals, in sympathies, in interests, and also, alas! in the dangers with which they were confronted. Never had there been a period when the relations between the Governments of the two countries were more harmonious. It was with particular pleasure that he read in the newspapers of Saturday the declaration made by M. Delbos, the Foreign Minister of France, who in terms of impressive conviction declared that if Great Britain were the victim of unprovoked aggression France would immediately come to her aid with all her forces of the land, the sea, and the air. This declaration followed on the equally resolute statement made by Mr. Antony Eden, and both were based upon the agreement entered into between the two countries last March.

These declarations, and the facts resulting from them, gave the greatest hope of the preservation of peace. A very dangerous and grave year lay ahead, but the first precaution to bring them through that year in peace and in safety was the closest possible accord and co-operation between the British and French Governments, between the great Empire of France and the British Commonwealth of Nations.

WIDER ASSOCIATION

Even here in France and the British Isles were 85,000,000 people; and together the white populations of the British Empire and the French possessions overseas were over 100,000,000. Now, 100,000,000 of people, to say nothing of all the other races associated with them, who had no other desire but to keep the peace and help other nations to realize the fullness of their aspirations, so long as those aspirations were lawful and right, who had no ill-feeling against any neighbour, who nursed no desire for revenge or acquisition of territory—he believed that if those 100,000,000 of people held together, possessed as they were of the great resources which France and Britain possessed and could command, including the command of the seas, then there was every probability that they would be left alone. "United we stand, divided we fall."

But it must not be supposed (Mr. Churchill continued) that this association for mutual protection now published and proclaimed to the whole world stood as a detached and isolated fact. It was only one element in the wider association of peoples and nations called the League of Nations, which gathered to it a great many nations, some powerful and some small, some strongly armed, who on the basis of the Covenant could gain for themselves collectively a security against the renewal of war far greater than could have been given by the most effective alliance between England and France. And he hoped that if fortune instead of catastrophe should attend the world in 1937 they would see their German friends join this same great association and share in its broad and unstinted security.

FRENCH POLICY

M. Reynaud, speaking in French, said that their common political regime had been held up as a cult to the world for its lack of efficiency. Yet democracies had borne better than any other countries the burden of the economic crisis. Where exactly lay the common weakness of their democracies? It was that, even though they had a higher ideal than that of dictators, they showed themselves more reluctant to undertake the necessary sacrifices to defend that ideal.

If the three great democracies of the world had at their immediate disposal the necessary strength to maintain collective security, their common ideal against the ideal of dictatorship, the "jungle law," peace would be ensured. Unfortunately they had not. The war potential of democracies was undoubtedly great, but they had not yet the military means for an immediate reply to a lightning aggression which would start a fu-

REGAINING NAVAL PRESTIGE

GERMANY BUILDING AT TOP SPEED

Enormous Increase In Officers

London, December 29. The German Navy List published for the first time in three years bears striking evidence of the speed with which Germany is building up her fleet and interesting facts are revealed about the launching of vessels and the building programme.

Since 1934 two 23,000-ton battleships have been launched and one or two 35,000-tonners laid down; two 10,000-ton cruisers have been launched and one or two laid down; 16 large destroyers have been launched, six super-destroyers and twelve torpedo boats laid down; 36 submarines have been launched and more are in course of construction.

Mr. Hector C. Bywater, naval expert of the "Daily Telegraph," draws attention to the enormous increase in officers as a most significant feature of Germany's determination to regain her past naval prestige.

The number of midshipmen and cadets has increased from 187 to 1,160 in the past three years and this suggests that still greater naval expansion is contemplated.

Mr. Bywater cites no official figures, but he discloses on reliable information that the lower deck personnel has increased in three years from 12,000 to 31,000 and it is expected that the figure will rise to 40,000 in 1937.—Reuter.

GERMAN ARMY IN MOURNING

Gen. Von Seeckt's Death

Berlin, Dec. 28. The Commander-in-Chief of the German army has ordered that all officers of the general staff, as well as of the infantry regiment No. 67, wear crepe arm bands for a period of 8 days as a token of mourning for Colonel General von Seeckt. On the day of the funeral flags over the buildings of the war department will fly at half-mast.

In a proclamation issued on the occasion of Colonel General von Seeckt's death, the Commander-in-Chief of the German army, General Fieldmarshal von Blomberg, declared: "In the darkest hour of the history of our fatherland General von Seeckt took over the same task that Scharnhorst once was called upon to assume. Fighting simultaneously against the dictates of Versailles and the internal enemies, he created the Reichswehr with German soldierly virtues and was the birthplace of the new national army."

Transocean News Service.

BIRCHING AND FLOGGING

London, Dec. 28. In conformity with the announcement made by the Home Secretary in the House of Commons before the Christmas adjournment, it is understood that a Committee will shortly be appointed to enquire into birching and flogging.

The value of punishments as a deterrent will be investigated and the objections advanced by penal reformers on psychological grounds will be considered. The type of offences for which flogging is a suitable punishment will also be reviewed.—British Wireless.

ture war. The question was of the number of military divisions, of the number of tanks which could be brought to the fighting line.

That was the reason why they were compelled to seek outside of democracies a supplementary force, with the help of which they could hope to outweigh the other side of the scales. There lay the explanation of the Franco-Soviet pact. This pact was entirely different from the pre-war Franco-Russian alliance. It would apply only within the scope of the Covenant—that was to say, on such conditions that the public opinion of their two countries would be in entire agreement.

To those who feared that this pact was a new danger of war, because it would involve them in a Russo-German conflict, he would point out that Germany and Russia had no common boundaries and that between them lay other countries to which Britain and France were bound by the obligations of the Covenant. The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Lord Asquith.

GERMAN SHIP SEIZURE

War Material Allegation

Bayonne, Dec. 28. A spokesman for the Basque Government has issued a formal statement to the effect that the seized German steamer Palos, captured by Government patrol vessels in the Bay of Biscay on December 24, carried contraband war materials.

The statement adds that the German captain was hailed and refused to disclose the nature of his cargo and that he destroyed compromising documents before the Palos arrived at Bilbao.—Reuter.

AMICABLE SETTLEMENT

Berlin, Dec. 28. Evidence that Germany is hoping to settle the Palos affair without a display of force was forthcoming from official circles to-day.

No fresh warships have been despatched to Spain, it is stated. Yesterday it was reported that ships had been rushed to Bilbao, where the Palos is held.

To-day's attitude contrasts strongly with the statements made Saturday and there is now a disposition to minimise the whole affair.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

STEAMER RELEASED

Berlin, Dec. 28. A German news agency reports that the steamer Palos has been released by the Basque government at Bilbao.

The steamer was set free on the demand of the German cruiser Konigsberg which is at present at Bilbao.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

INDIANS AGAINST REFORMS

Faisalpur, Dec. 28. The National Congress, 30,000 of whose members are gathered here, including Mahatma Gandhi to-day passed a resolution rejecting the new Government of India Act of 1935.

The resolution reiterates the demand of the Congress for a constituent assembly, elected by adult suffrage for the purpose of drafting a new Constitution.

The question of the acceptance of office by Congressmen will be decided after the provincial elections.

A resolution declaring that Congressmen cannot participate in celebrations that might be held in India in connection with the coronation of His Majesty King George VI. was also passed, though it was made clear that the resolution was in no way intended to express ill-will or discourtesy to the King's person.—Reuter.

ROYAL FAMILY ON HOLIDAY

London, Dec. 28. At Sandringham, Queen Mary is slowly recovering from the cold which kept her indoors throughout Christmas. The King spent the day with a shooting party including the Duke of Gloucester and the Earl of Athol. The Queen and Princess Elizabeth and Prince George, who joined the party, spent the day with a shooting party. The King and Queen are expected to leave Sandringham for London on January 1.—British Wireless.

THE LAND OF THE LAMAS

TIBETANS LESS AFRAID OF OUTSIDERS

The Mail Must Go Through

A writer recently returned from an interesting trip into mystic Tibet, the long closed Land of the Lamas. Leaving Atunze, the last weak military outpost of China, on the Tibetan border in extreme northwestern Yunnan, the journey lies exclusively in Tibetan territory, racially. After five hard stages or days of travel on horse and foot in a general northerly direction on dangerous trails along the left bank of the Mekong River and over high mountain passes where no wheeled vehicle has ever gone, one quickly finds oneself dropping suddenly down from the mountains onto the fertile Puta plain, where nestles the little village known to Chinese as Yenchin (Sail wells), and to Tibetans, who control its destiny, as Tsakalo. Deprived of its rich salt wells, the place would scarcely be worthy of mention.

Four years ago when Batang almost fell into the hands of the inner Tibetans once more during several months of hard fighting, Tibetan troops suddenly entered Yenchin early one morning before the villagers were astir, quickly disarmed the little Chinese garrison without a shot being fired, and Yenchin again became Tsakalo of the Tibetans.

The Chinese exodus started at once. Soldiers and civilians fled southward into Yunnan. The Chinese Post Office was closed, but some Chinese merchants remained with their Tibetan wives and children and were never harmed by their Tibetan conquerors. But they complain bitterly of Tibetan taxation, which they say is much higher than during "the good old days" of Chinese magistrates and tiny Chinese garrisons.

From 100 to 200 Tibetan troops are kept there constantly, and much revenue from salt flows into the coffers of the Tibetan government and of the higher lama priests of eastern Tibet. Catholic and Protestant missions there when the place changed hands, still carry on their work as before, but with perhaps more persecution than when the Chinese ruled. It is learned that arrangements are being made to re-open the Post Office at Yenchin which lies midway between Batang and Atunze on the established postal route connecting Sikong Province with Szechuan and Yunnan. It will be one of the very few Post Offices operating within Tibet. Military runners carry the scanty mail by riding horse from Yenchin to Gartok (Chiangka), capital of Markang Province, and from there to Chamdo and Lhasa.

OFFICIALS QUITE FRIENDLY
At Gartok we found the Tibetan government and other officials quite friendly. Due to their long aloofness and isolation, Tibetans usually view the entrance of other nationals with suspicion. But in recent years their more frequent contact with other peoples along their Chinese and Indian borders has done much to remove their suspicion and distrust of other races. Another factor has been their increasing commerce. Tibetan merchants and traders now journey far into India and China. And their religious pilgrims, both lay and priestly, now journey far to foreign shrines.

Most of the soldiers in eastern Tibet wear only civilian clothing, uniforms usually being reserved for their officers of both high and low rank. Many of them have been well trained by foreign instructors. Tibetans are lovers of music, and their army at Gartok boasts a 40-piece band, composed of trumpet, drum and baxpipe players, which compares quite favourably with some foreign bands. Here again foreign instructors have had an important part in the training. Thanks to such help and their ever-increasing contacts with those of the outside world, real progress is being made, and one hopes that Tibet may soon emerge from her place among the backward nations. Better days loom ahead for the long beleaguered millions of Tibet.

Fortunately Tibet and this portion of the Tibetan border country were spared from the ravages of Communism, and crops of corn, wheat, barley, spelt, buckwheat, and garden produce were permitted to reach maturity. Otherwise there would have been great suffering in these regions where no large surplus of crops can be grown.

LORD NUFFIELD'S EMPLOYEES

A Profit-Sharing Scheme

GIFT OF £2,125,000

It was announced recently that Lord Nuffield is to set up a special fund by which the workers in his factories are to become shareholders.

The fund is represented by 1,000,000 Ordinary stock units of Morris Motors, Limited, the dividends on which are to be used to create a Morris Fund under which wage earners, in addition to receiving holiday wages, will have a share in the dividends of the organization.

Lord Nuffield, in a statement recently, explained that the scheme is intended to cover all his trading organizations—Morris Motors, Limited, Cowley; Morris Industries Exports, Cowley; M.G. Car Company, Abingdon; Morris Radiators, Oxford; the Morris Engines, Coventry; Wolseley Motors, Birmingham; Morris Commercial Cars, Limited, Birmingham; Morris Oxford Press; and S.U. Carburetors, Birmingham. The scheme, he said, followed the staff pensions fund of the Morris associated companies by which the staff members are safeguarded for their old age. That fund came into operation last April.

"Since the introduction of that fund, which benefits salaried employees only whose total annual remuneration does not exceed £1,000," said Lord Nuffield, "I have given much thought to the establishment of a scheme whereby the wage-earners, in addition to holiday pay, might share in the prosperity of the business. The marketing of the Ordinary stock units of Morris Motors, Limited, offers the simple solution of my problem. I propose to convey into the hands of trustees 1,000,000 of these units, representing the present market value of £2,125,000.

BEGGING LETTERS

The dividends on these units will be utilized to create a fund which will be distributed among the employees who are on the "clock." The fund will be entitled to receive any dividends declared in respect of the current financial year of Morris Motors, Limited, which ends on December 31 of this year.

Lord Nuffield explained that the control of the fund would be in the hands of representatives of the employees, and each of the companies would appoint its own representatives. "My scheme," he said, "means that the men will become ordinary shareholders of the concern." He added that he daily received an enormous mail of begging letters and that he had had to engage a staff of three to deal with them.

Since the publication of his recent gift to Oxford University he was receiving upwards of 500 letters a day from secretaries of charitable organizations, cranks, inventors, and trading projects, all "bombarding" him for loans. "A large proportion of them come to my private address," said Lord Nuffield. "To give them personal attention would occupy the whole of my working time."

Fresh Uses For Coal Sought

Scottish Commissioner's Hope From Scientists

The view that every effort should be made to bring new industries to the distressed areas in order to preserve the local traditions of the people resident there was expressed by Sir David Hay, Commissioner for Special Areas in Scotland, when he declared open the new Scottish Community Services Centre for unemployed men and women at Burnbank, Hamilton, on November 24.

Sir David Hay declared that it would be a great national loss if a community such as that in Burnbank, which had been built up upon one great industry, should not be encouraged and be able to build again upon another great industry, if it could possibly be found.

He was hopeful, and had great expectations that industrial scientists would be able to tell them of further uses for coal so that work could again be found for the people in the place where they had their homes and their sentiments. By increasing scientific development, it might be possible to find fresh out-

ARSENAL WIN Bolton And Liverpool Fail At Home

London, Dec. 28.
The following are the results of to-day's major League football matches:

FIRST DIVISION	
Bolton	0 Manchester U. 4
Chelsea	1 Stoke 0
Derby	3 Everton 1
Huddersfield	4 Wolves 0
Liverpool	1 W. Bromwich 2
Manchester C.	1 Grimsby 1
Middlesbrough	4 Leeds 1
Portsmouth	0 Charlton 0
Preston	1 Arsenal 3
Wednesday	0 Brentford 2
Sunderland	4 Birmingham 0

SECOND DIVISION	
Aston Villa	6 Chesterfield 2
Blackpool	3 Fulham 1
Barnsley	1 Leicester 2
Bradford C.	2 Notts. F. 0
Bury	2 Sheffield U. 0
Doncaster	2 Burnley 0
Norwich	1 Newcastle 5
Southampton	1 Coventry 1
Swansea	0 Plymouth 1
Tottenham	5 Blackburn 1
West Ham	1 Bradford 0

THIRD DIVISION (South)	
Aldershot	1 Millwall 2
Bournemouth	1 Southend 0
Bristol R.	0 Gillingham 3
Cardiff	0 Torquay 2
Clapton	2 Walsall 2
Crystal P.	1 Bristol C. 0
Exeter	0 Queen's P.R. 3
Newport	1 Northampton 3
Notts C.	2 Luton 1
Swindon	1 Reading 2
Watford	1 Brighton 0

THIRD DIVISION (North)	
Crews	2 Mansfield 1
Darlington	0 Gateshead 2
Halifax	1 Chester 0
Hartlepool	2 York 0
Oldham	2 Carlisle 1
Port Vale	1 Accrington 1
Rotherham	3 Lincoln 1
Southport	v Barrow
Stockport	3 New Brighton 1
Tranmere	v Rochdale
Wrexham	v Hull

* Unplayed.
—Reuter.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FOOTBALL

Lee Wai-tong To Play

An excellent soccer game should be witnessed on New Year's day at Caroline Hill, when the Chinese will meet the Rest of the Colony in a Charity game in aid of the fund for the Suiyuan Refugees.

The game will be featured by the return of Lee Wai-tong to the centre-forward position. This is Lee's first game since his return from Europe, and his presence in the team will prove a big attraction.

The following is the team:—
Pau, Ka-ping; Leung In-chen and Lee Ting-sang; Leung Wing-chui, Wong Mei-shun and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Lai Shu-wing and Tay Quee-liang.

WOLF CUB SPORTS

Peter Dalziel Shield

The second annual Wolf Cub Sports of the Boy Scouts Association of Hong Kong was successfully held yesterday afternoon on the Hong Kong Football Club Ground, Happy Valley, by kind permission of its owners, when the 1st Hong Kong (St. Joseph's) Pack literally showed their heels to the other Colony Packs and won the coveted Peter Dalziel Shield.

The Sports were held under the supervision of Mrs. F. E. Booker, Acting Assistant Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, who was assisted by Mr. G. Maddick, Cubmaster of the 4th Kowloon (Garrison) Pack, members of the Deep Sea Scouts and other willing helpers.

At the conclusion, Mrs. Booker presented the 1st Hong Kong (St. Joseph's) Pack with the Peter Dalziel Shield.

Following are the results:—
Potato Race (under 10):—1. 12th Kowloon; 2. 13th Kowloon; 3. 13th Kowloon.
Inter-Pack Relay Race:—1. 1st Hong Kong; 2. 13th Kowloon; 3. 1st Kowloon.
80 Yards Flat (under 10):—1. 1st Kowloon; 2. 1st Hong Kong; 3. 100 Yards Flat:—1. 1st Hong Kong; 2. 13th Kowloon; 3. 13th Kowloon.
Sack Race:—1. Sea Scouts; 2. 1st Kowloon; 3. 1st Hong Kong.
Three-legged Race:—1. 1st Hong Kong; 2. 1st Kowloon; 3. 4th Kowloon.
Dressing Race:—1. 1st Kowloon; 2. 12th Kowloon; 3. 4th Hong Kong.
Relay Race:—1. 1st Hong Kong; 2. 13th Kowloon (St. Teresa's) 16.
—Reuter.

HOME RUGBY

The following were the results of Rugby Union League matches played to-day:—

Rosslyn Park 14, Fettesian Loretians 19.
Bath 3, Bridgend 5.
Bristol 8, Old Merchant Taylors 13.
Cardiff 10, Watsonsians 3.
Leicester 5, Barbarians 20.
Newport 0, Aberavon 4.
Northampton 13, Molesley 3.
Swansea 21, London Welsh 0.
—Reuter.

WOMAN SWIMMER SETS RECORD

Rotterdam, Dec. 28.

Miss Mastenbroek, the Dutch Olympic swimmer, to-day established a new world's record for the 400 metres back stroke, when she swam the distance in five minutes 48 8/10 seconds.

She previously held the record with a swim of five minutes 49 8/10 seconds.
—Reuter.



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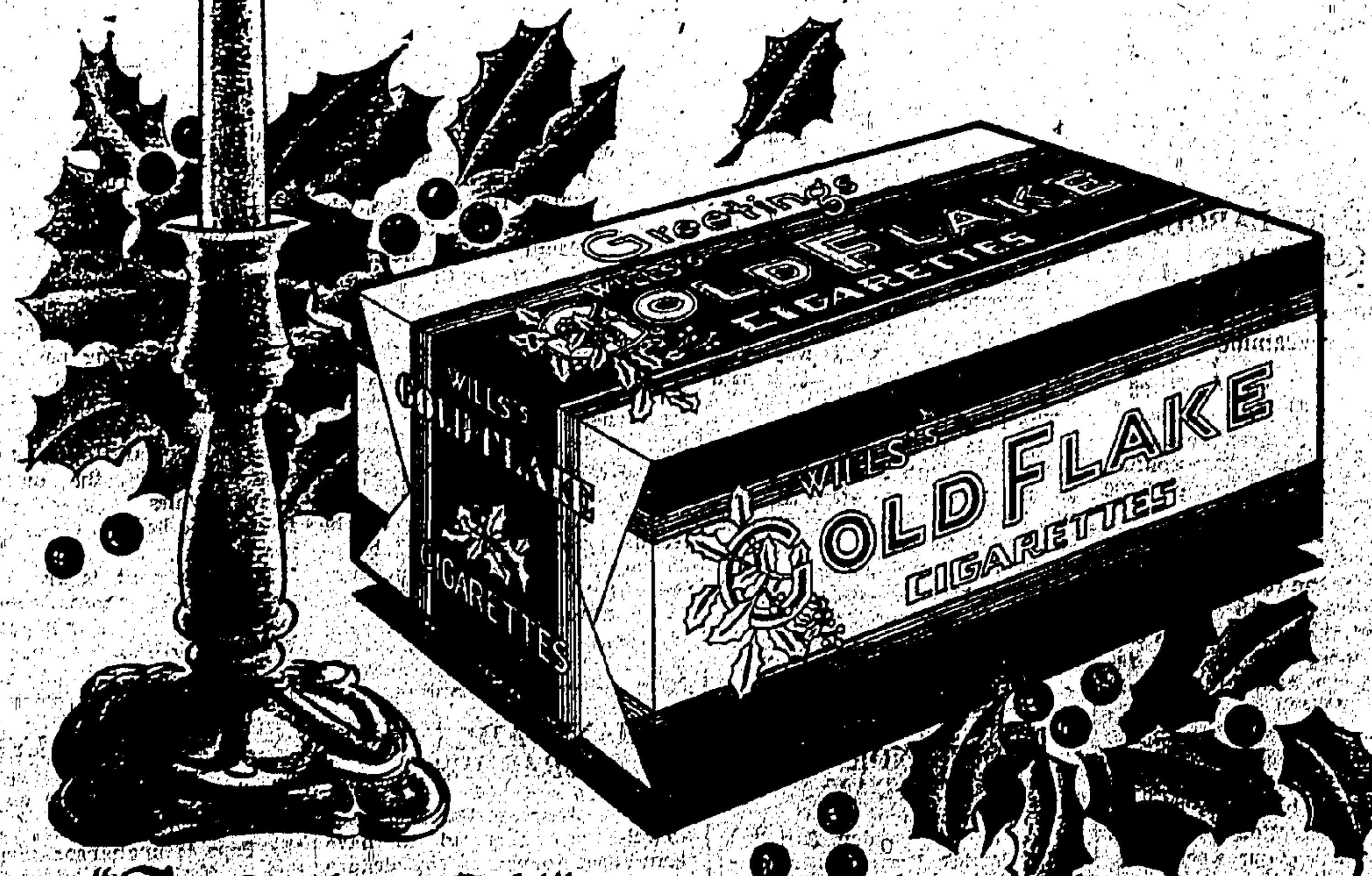
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DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Sharebrokers' Association

TUESDAY, DEC. 29.				TUESDAY, DEC. 29.			
Buyers	Sellers	Shares	Prices	Buyers	Sellers	Shares	Prices
Banks							
\$1,350	\$1,350	H.K. Banks	\$1,350	\$1,350	\$1,350	H.K. Banks	\$1,350
		Do. (London)				Do. (London)	
		Chartered Bank				Chartered Bank	
		Mercantile Bank				Mercantile Bank	
		Do. "C"				Do. "C"	
		Bank of East Asia				Bank of East Asia	
		N. O. & S. Bank				N. O. & S. Bank	
		Insurance				Insurance	
\$300	\$300	Canton Insurance	\$300	\$300	\$300	Canton Insurance	\$300
\$816	\$816	Union Insurance	\$816	\$816	\$816	Union Insurance	\$816
		Underwriters				Underwriters	
		China Fire				China Fire	
		H.K. Fire				H.K. Fire	
		International Assoc. S.				International Assoc. S.	
		Shipping				Shipping	
		Douglas				Douglas	
		Shamshoo				Shamshoo	
		Indos (pref.)				Indos (pref.)	
		Do. (def.)				Do. (def.)	
		Shells				Shells	
		Waterboats				Waterboats	
		Mining				Mining	
		Balacoon				Balacoon	
		Gold River				Gold River	
		Gold Creek				Gold Creek	
		Salacoon				Salacoon	
		Kailash				Kailash	
		Langkats (single) S.				Langkats (single) S.	
		Explorations S.				Explorations S.	
		Shanghai Loans S.				Shanghai Loans S.	
		Reus				Reus	
		Venezuela Gold Flds.				Venezuela Gold Flds.	
		Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	
\$104	\$104	H.K. & K. Wharves	\$104	\$104	\$104	H.K. & K. Wharves	\$104
		Do. (old)				Do. (old)	
		Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		Providents (old)				Providents (old)	
		Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		H.K. & W. Docks				H.K. & W. Docks	
		S. China Motors 'A'				S. China Motors 'A'	
		Shanghai Docks S.				Shanghai Docks S.	
		New Engineering S.				New Engineering S.	
		Hongkwa S.				Hongkwa S.	
		Lands, Hotels, and Buildings				Lands, Hotels, and Buildings	
\$6.80	\$6.80	H.K. Hotels	\$6.80	\$6.80	\$6.80	H.K. Hotels	\$6.80
\$33	\$33	H.K. Lands	\$33	\$33	\$33	H.K. Lands	\$33
		Do. 47 Debuture				Do. 47 Debuture	
		Shanghai Lands S.				Shanghai Lands S.	
		Metropolitan Lands				Metropolitan Lands	
		H.K. Realities				H.K. Realities	
		China Do				China Do	
		Do. Debuture S.				Do. Debuture S.	
		Humphreys				Humphreys	
		Chinese Estates				Chinese Estates	
		Cotton Mills				Cotton Mills	
		Ewos				Ewos	
		S'hai Cottons (old) S.				S'hai Cottons (old) S.	
		Do. (new) S.				Do. (new) S.	
		Zong Sings				Zong Sings	
		Wing On Textiles S.				Wing On Textiles S.	
		Public Utilities				Public Utilities	
\$12.80	\$12.80	Tramways	\$12.80	\$12.80	\$12.80	Tramways	\$12.80
		Tramways (old)				Tramways (old)	
		Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		Star Ferry				Star Ferry	
		Yankee Ferry				Yankee Ferry	
		China Lights (old)				China Lights (old)	
		Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		H.K. Electric				H.K. Electric	
		Macao do				Macao do	
		Sandakan Lights				Sandakan Lights	
		Telephones (old)				Telephones (old)	
		Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		China Buses				China Buses	
		Tramways				Tramways	
		Do. (pref.)				Do. (pref.)	
		Industrial				Industrial	
		Malabon Sugars				Malabon Sugars	
		Caldwell, (ord.) S.				Caldwell, (ord.) S.	
		Macgregor's (pref.) S.				Macgregor's (pref.) S.	
		Canton Ice				Canton Ice	
		Cements				Cements	
		Ropes				Ropes	
		Miscellaneous				Miscellaneous	
		Dairy Farms				Dairy Farms	
		Amusements				Amusements	
		Ch. Etalments				Ch. Etalments	
		Constructions (old)				Constructions (old)	
		Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		Lao Crawford				Lao Crawford	
		Mackintosh				Mackintosh	
		Nanyang Tobacco				Nanyang Tobacco	
		Sinacres				Sinacres	
		Watsons				Watsons	
		Wm. Powell				Wm. Powell	
		M. Greyhounds				M. Greyhounds	
		S. G. Enterprises				S. G. Enterprises	
		Ch. G. 21925 G. Bds.				Ch. G. 21925 G. Bds.	
		H.K. Govt. 4% Loans				H.K. Govt. 4% Loans	
		Do. 3%				Do. 3%	
		Wallace Harper				Wallace Harper	
		H.K. Wing On				H.K. Wing On	
		S'hai				S'hai	
		Vibro Piling				Vibro Piling	

* Sales to Shanghai

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 30, to 31, 1936.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day	Time	Day	Time
Wed. 30	11:58	Thurs. 31	12:38
Thurs. 31	12:38		

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER

Hong Kong Observatory, Dec. 29.

Previous On Date		On Date	
Day	Time	Day	Time
Barometer	29.99	30.06	29.97
Temperature	64	67	67
Humidity	81	87	75
Wind			
Direction	E	E	E
Force	3	4	4
Weather	O	BC	BC
Rain			

Highest open-air Temperature, 29.69

Lowest open-air Temperature, 29.03

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing Showers; J=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE AND H. K. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION Philippine Gold Mining Quotations

28th Dec.		29th December, 1936											
Closing Rates		Time Received											
Antamoks	1.85	1.80	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
Atoks	53	54	50	58	57	55	54	53	50	—	—	—	—
Baguio Gold	35 1/2	38	36 1/2	26 1/2	27	27 1/2	27	—	—	—	—	—	—
Benguet Consol	14.35	14.00	14.35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Benguet Explor	17	17	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Big Wedge	39	39	40	40	40	39 1/2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Demonstrations	80	81	82	88	83	83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Itocons	1.80	1.75	1.85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
I. X. L.	1.80	1.75	1.85	1.80	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maslatas	45	45 1/2	40	48	47	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Northern Mining	16 1/2	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paracale Gumaus	68	68	71	67	73	73	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
San Mauricio	3.15	3.20	3.30	3.30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suyoo Consol	48	50	51	54	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Paracales	1.80	1.80	1.65	1.65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Market Comment: F V.S. V.S. V.F. F S Irr. S S V.S. F S S V.S. Manila Stock Exchange will be closed tomorrow, 30th inst.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS OFFICIAL

The market continued steady and a fair volume of business was transacted for both cash and forward deliveries. Buyers were again in evidence for most of the public utility counters.

The Manila market was very firm with most of the prices marked higher.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1,850.
Canton Inces, \$300.
Union Inces, \$615.
H.K. Wharves, \$105.
Providents (Old), \$1.70.
Venz. Goldfields, \$8.
H.K. Hotels, \$5.65.
H.K. Lands, \$33.
H.K. Trams, \$12.80.
Star Ferry, \$63.
China Lights (Old), \$13.40.
China Lights (New), \$10.40.
H.K. Electric, \$54.
Telephones (Old), \$30.
Telephones (New), \$104.
Cements, \$11.
Entertainments, \$3.40.
Govt. 4% Loan, 8% Prem.
Govt. 3 1/2% Loan, 3% Prem.

SELLERS

Sinceres, \$2.90.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1,850.
H.K. Docks, \$144.
H.K. Trams, \$12.80.
China Light (Old), \$13-13.80.
H.K. Electric, \$54.
Telephones (Old), \$30.
Telephones (New), \$10.80.
Atoks, 93 cts.
Big Wedge, 68 cts.
Consol. Mines, 67 cts.
Demonstrations, \$1.34.
I.X.L., \$3.
Itocons, \$3-3.10.
Paracale Gumaus, \$1.17-1.23.
San Mauricio, \$5.40-54.
Suyoo Consol, 91 cts.
E. Mindanao, 68 cts.
Associated Mines, 62 cts.

HONG KONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

BUYERS

Canton Ins., \$302.
Wharves, \$104.
Providents (Old), \$1.65.
H.K. Docks, \$14.
Hotels, \$5.75.
Ewos, \$15.25.
Lights (Old), \$13.40.
Telephones (Old), \$29.90.
Telephones (New), \$104.
Big Wedge, 84 cts.
Salacoon, 74 cts.
San Mauricio, \$5.30.

SELLERS

Big Wedge, 68 cts.

SALES

H.K. Docks, \$144.
Hotels, \$54.
Ewos, \$15.45.
Telephones (New), \$104.
Big Wedge, 64 cts.
Demonstrations, \$1.37.
Paracale Gumaus, \$1.17-1.19.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(British Wireless Service)

	Dec. 23	Dec. 28
Paris	105.11/64	105.11/64
Geneva	21.38	21.374
Berlin	12.21	12.21
Athens	550	550
Milan	93 5/16	93 1/4
Copenhagen	22.40	22.40
Stockholm	19.39 1/2	19.39 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 7/16	1/2 1/4
New York	4.91 1/2	4.91 9/16
Amsterdam	8.97	8.93 1/2
Vienna	26 1/2	26 1/2
Prague	139 15/16	140 5/16
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 3/16	110 3/16
Hong Kong	1/2 29/32	1/2 15/16
Bombay	1/6 5/32	1/6 5/32
Montreal	4.90 1/2	4.91 1/2
Brussels	29.10	29.12 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1/2
Beikrade	213	213
Monte Video	39 1/2	39 1/2
Rio	42	42
Bucharest	670	670
Silver (forward)	20 13/16	21 1/16
Silver (spot)	20 1/2	21 1/2
War Loan	105 1/2	105 1/2

Closing Quotations

December 29, 1936.

On New York:	On demand 30 5/16
Bank Bills, on demand	30 5/16
Credit, 60 days' sight	30 5/16
On demand	55 1/16
On Paris:	On demand 850
Bank Bills, on demand	850
Credit, 4 months' sight	877
On London:	On demand 102 1/2
On demand	58 11/16
On Shanghai:	On demand 106
On demand	106
On India:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Hong Kong:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Singapore:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Manila:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Cebu:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Batavia:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Borneo:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Java:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Sumatra:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Celebes:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Moluccas:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Sulu:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Mindanao:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2
On Philippines:	On demand 149 1/2
On demand	149 1/2

PHILIPPINE MINING NEWS

An examination of the books of the Ambassador Gold Mining Company is being made by a committee composed of representatives from the old board of directors and from the recently elected board, William Anderson, junior, newly elected president, told the Bulletin recently.

The accounts of the company for the past fiscal year were not approved at the annual meeting held a week ago to-day, and as a result the examination was decided upon.

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The Railway Tavern, the famous
"Charlie Brown's" of the West In-
dia Dock-road, has passed into
other hands.

The shelves which bore Charlie
Brown's collection of curios, valued
at £40,000, stand bare. The visitors
book, which contained even royal
signatures—King Alfonso wrote
his name there—has gone.

Charlie Brown's daughter, Mrs.
E. J. Chandler, and her husband,
have given the place up and gone
into temporary retirement.

The only link left with the cen-
tre of the pre-war and wartime
East End, with its dancing and
its singing and its lights, is the
Blue Posts over the road, run by
Charlie Brown's son, which still
houses part of the curios collection.

EASTERN TREASURES
Mr. and Mrs. Chandler have
moved into a small house in one of
the East London suburbs. In its
dining-room and drawing-room
stand the best of the curios. The
rest are in store.

Mrs. Chandler showed them to
me to-day. One small room is
full of treasures from the East.
Glazed Buddhas perch on the win-
dow ledges. A huge carved ebony
cabinet almost fills one wall. A
tall bronze figure takes up one cor-
ner, and an ivory temple another.

On a small table in the middle of
the room stands an ivory chest
that took three generations to
carve. Delicate ivory chessmen in
red and white line the inside of
a Florentine cabinet. Old Chinese
cloisonné jars and Sevres vases
adorn the dining-room mantel-
piece, and in the centre stands the
last piece Charlie Brown bought
before he died, a coloured figure
carved from a single ivory tusk.

By the dining-room fire the old
grey parrot, that once graced the
bar peers uncertainly from his
cage at these new surroundings.

"We bought him from a sailor
who came into the bar," Mrs.
Chandler said, "and not one bad
word does he speak—not one."

THE VISITORS' BOOK
Treasured in the house is the
visitors' book in which celebrities
from all over the world signed
their names.

None of these things has ever
been insured, in spite of their
value. It was said that no crook
in all the East End would touch
any of Charlie Brown's things.
None ever did.

"What we are going to do with
all these things I don't know," Mrs.

Chandler told me. "It has been
like moving a museum into a pri-
vate house. [We simply cannot]
get any more into this house,
and the rest will have to remain
in store. Later on we hope to take
another public-house somewhere
and exhibit them again, so we
shall not sell any of them."

"I have lived in the old Railway
Tavern for 41 years—I was there
as a little girl—and all that time
my father was collecting his trea-
sures."

"He had agents all over the
world who let him know if they
had anything good. If he liked it
he bought it."

Mrs. Chandler went on to recol-
lect some of the scenes she had
witnessed in Charlie Brown's at
the height of his fame. Film stars
and diplomats, celebrities of every
sort and even royalty she had seen
there, she said, and hundreds of
tourists who came down every
night to look at the collection.

Seamen wandered in from all over
the world, often carrying with
them some curiosity they had
picked up in far away ports.

SECRET SERVICE TRAP
During the War the licensing
hours were amazingly long, and
singing and dancing went on at
Charlie Brown's at almost any
hour of the day. The reason, Mrs.
Chandler told me, was that the Se-
cret Service knew that if a man
they wanted had come into the
London Docks, he was sure to turn
up at Charlie Brown's before very
long. So they stayed open.

"The East End doesn't seem the
same to me now," she continued,
"and it won't to a good many
other people. There will never
be another house like the old Rail-
way Tavern."

"It has been a terrible wrench to
leave it. It was, after all, one of
the sights of London, and now its
old character has finally gone."

REICHSMARK RATES
Berlin, Dec. 28.
Reichsmark quotations without
guarantee:—
New York 40.234
Paris 284.
Amsterdam 73.421 to 73.479
London 12.201
Paris Sterling 105.15 to 105.18
U.S.A. Dollar 21.41 to 21.424
Transocean News Service

THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Hong Kong, Dec. 29.
Silver prices rose yesterday to
the extent of 3/16 for Ready and
1/4 for Forward, the quotations
being 21 1/4 and 21 1/16 respec-
tively. Silver advances reported In-
dia as having operated both ways.
Speculators bought. After the
official fixing buyers for cash were
established but there were some de-
mand for forward delivery. Ameri-
can Silver was quoted at 45 1/4
for Spot.

The London-New York cross-
rate was quoted at 4.91 1/2. New
York-London was quoted at 4.91
29/32.

MARKET

Steady but inactive.

STERLING

No business was reported. There
were small sellers at 1/2 31/32
December-February and 1/2 15/16
March-June, buyers at 1/3 Decem-
ber-April and probably 1/3 31/32
May-June.

U.S. DOLLARS

Nothing doing. There were sel-
lers at 30 5/8 December-February
and 30 9/16 March-May, buyers
at 30 11/16 for any delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 102 7/8, buyers at 102
15/16 for cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET.

There were sellers of Sterling at
1/2 17/32 for near, buyers at 1/2
9/16 for cash. U.S. Dollar, sel-
lers at 29 3/4 for cash, buyers at
29 13/16 for cash.

IN THE AFTERNOON

The market remained quiet in
the afternoon.

IN STERLING

The market closed with sellers
at 1/2 31/32 December-February
and 1/2 15/16 March-May, buyers
at 1/3 for any delivery. No busi-
ness was reported.

U.S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers
at 30 5/8 December-February and
30 9/16 March-May, buyers at 30
11/16 for any delivery.

RAILWAY COACHES FOR CHINA

English Manufacture

SPECIAL SYSTEM OF STEAM HEATING

A demonstration, attended by
mechanical engineers and techni-
cal officers in the railway service,
was given at the Smethwick works
of the Birmingham Carriage and
Wagon Company recently of the
application of the "Vapor" heating
system to coaches which are be-
ing built for the Canton-Hankow
section of the Chinese National
Railways. The "Vapor" system is
in general use in the United States
of America and Canada, and the
equipment is now being manu-
factured in England by the firm
of Gresham and Craven, Limited,
of Manchester.

The chief features of the system
are that inside the cars of a train
steam for heating is supplied only
at atmospheric pressure and that
regulators are located outside the
cars and are readily accessible. It
is stated that, when once installed,
no pipe joint need ever be broken
for maintenance or examination of
details, and that the system is
economical in steam and sensitive
in operation, and provides a maxi-
mum of controlled comfort for
passengers.

High-pressure steam from the
train line pipe is not used in the
radiating pipes or in any of the
valves or fittings inside the coach.
The outlet of the equipment is al-
ways open to the atmosphere, and
this makes it impossible for pres-
sure or condensation to be built
up. Pressure steam from the steam
line is received by the regulator,
converted to steam at atmospheric
pressure, and distributed to cut-out
valves which, when open, pass it
on to heating coils or pipes in the
carriages, or, when shut, short cir-
cuit it back to the regulator.

Return steam acting on an ex-
pansive diaphragm actuates the
regulator and feeds steam to the
system, as and when required in
exactly the necessary quantity.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuters Service)

QUOTATIONS

New York, December 29.

New York/London Cross-rate	High	Low	Last	Today's	Change
1936	12.54	12.48	12.52	12.52	7/16 up
New York Cotton—Mar.	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.25	13 up
New York Rubber—Mar.	22.25	22.25	22.25	22.25	1.25 up
Chicago Wheat—May	137 1/2	135 1/2	136 1/2	135 1/2	1 1/2 off
Chicago Corn—May	107 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	1 1/2 off
Silver—Official	—	—	—	—	—

Dow Jones Averages	High	Low	Last	Today's	Change
30 Industrials	184.32	183.11	183.60	183.71	1.45 off
30 Railroads	80.48	80.68	80.58	80.58	3/8 off
30 Utilities	38.16	38.23	38.23	38.23	3/8 off
40 Bonds	106.01	106.23	106.23	106.23	11 3/4 off
11 Commodity Index	78.73	78.58	78.73	78.73	1.84 up

Business Done:—1,790,000 shares.

Stocks	Last Sale	Dec. 24	28
Adams Express	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Allis Chalmers	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Amer. Can.	114 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
Am. Car & Foundry	—	—	—
Amer. Cyanamid	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amer. & For. Power	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Amer. & For. P. 74 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
Amer. Metals	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Amer. Radiator	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Amer. Smelting	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Amer. Steel Pdrles.	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Amer. Sugar	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	185 1/2	184 1/2	184 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Anaconda Copper	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Atlantic Refining	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Atlas Corp.	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Auburn Motors	30 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	—	—	—
B. & O. 74 cum. pf.	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Barnard Oil	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Bendix Aviation	—	—	—
Bethlehem Steel	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Boeing Airplane	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Borden Co.	28 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Briggs Manufacturing	58 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan	—	—	—
Trans.	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Brooklyn-Manhattan	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Case, J.I.	145 1/2	141 1/2	141 1/2
Canadian Pacific	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Celanese Corp. of	—	—	—
America	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Cerro de Pasco	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Certain-Tied Pdrles	14 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Chesapeake Corp.	88 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	65 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	119 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	174 1/2	162 1/2	162 1/2
Columbia 5% "A" pf.	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Commercial Credit	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Commercial Solvents	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Commonwealth & S.	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Commonwealth	—	—	—
cum. pf.	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Consolidated Edison	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Consolidated Oil	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Continental Oil	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Corn. Products	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Curtis Wright "A"	18 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Del. Lackawanna &	—	—	—
Western	104 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Distillers Corp. Sea-	—	—	—
grams	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	68 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Du Pont	174 1/2	172 1/2	172 1/2
Electric Boat	128 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	70 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Elec. Power & Light	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Firestone Tire & R.	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Flintkote	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Gen. Asphalt	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Gen. Cigar	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Gen. Electric	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Gen. Foods	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Gen. Motors	52 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Gillette Safety Razor	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Golden	—	—	—
Gold Dust	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Goodrich 5% pf.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Goodyear	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2

Stocks	Last Sale	Dec. 24	28
Great Northern Ry.	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Great Western Sugar	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Holly Sugar Corp.	—	—	—
Humble Oil	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Int. Nickel	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	111 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Int. Dept. Stores	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Kennecott Copper	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Lambert Corp.	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Loew's Inc.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Long Island	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
McIntyre Potline	—	—	—
McKesson & Robbins	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Monsanto Chemical	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Montgomery Ward	55 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Murray Corp.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Nat. Cash Register	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Nat. Dairy Products	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Nat. Distillers	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Nat. Power & Light	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
New York Central	41 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Niagara Hudson P.	—	—	—
Corp.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
North American	30 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Northern Pacific	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Pacific Gas & Elec.	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Pacific Lighting	52 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Packard Motors	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Paramount	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Pennsylvania R.R.	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Phelps Dodge	—	—	—
Phillips Petroleum	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
Public Service of N.J.	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Pullman Inc.	64 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Pure Oil	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Radio Corp. of Am.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Republic Steel	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Reynolds Tobac. "B"	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
St. Joseph Lead Co.	—	—	—
Schenley	44 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Schenley 5% pf.	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Sears Roebuck	87 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Shell Union Oil	26 1/2	27 1/2	2

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KOTOHIRA MARU ... Wednesday, 30th Dec.
TANGO MARU ... Monday, 11th Jan.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
TOSAMARU ... Tuesday, 5th Jan.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
GINYO MARU ... Tuesday, 29th Dec.
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MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS

To-Day's Arrivals

(BY T.S.M.)

S.S. "BANGALORE"

The S.S. "Bangalore" of the P. and O. E. and A. British India and Apcar Line (Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Agents) is due here this morning. She comes from the Straits, and will leave here for Shanghai and Japan this afternoon.

S.S. "GINYO MARU"

The S.S. "Ginyo Maru" of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line is due here to-day. She comes from the Straits.

M.S. "VAN HEUTZ"

The M.S. "Van Heutz" of the Java-China-Japan Line is due here this morning. She comes from the Straits, and will sail for Amoy and Swatow this afternoon. Letters of destination will be received at the General Post Office up to 2.30 p.m. to-day.

S.S. "NANKIN"

The S.S. "Nankin" of the E. and A. Line (Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Agents) arrives here this morning.

She comes from Molli and Japan, and will leave here for Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart on Saturday, January 2 next at 10 a.m.

Registered articles and letters will be received at the General Post Office up to noon on Friday, January 1 next, while letters of destination will be received up to 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, January 2 next.

S.S. "NELLORE"

The S.S. "Nellore" of the E. and A. Line (Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Agents) is due here to-morrow morning. She comes from Australia and Manila, and will leave here for Shanghai and Japan on Friday, January 1 next.

S.S. "TALAMBA"

The S.S. "Talamba" of the P. and O. E. and A. B.I. and Apcar Lines (Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company, Agents) will arrive here to-morrow morning.

She comes from Amoy, and will sail for the Straits and Calcutta on Saturday, January 2 next. Parcels will be received at the General Post Office up to noon on Friday, January 1 next, while letters of destination will be received up to 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2 next.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CANADA"

The R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited arrived at Shanghai on December 29 (Tuesday) at 2.00 p.m. and leaving Shanghai to-day (Dec. 30) at 9.30 a.m.

She is due at Hong Kong on Friday (January 1) at 7.00 a.m. and will leave Hong Kong for Manila on the same day at 10.00 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN.)

During the 24 hours ended at 9.00 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns, received from the Harbour Office, showed a very light tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being made up by British and Norwegian ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 13,365 tons, with British steamers carrying 8,420 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 23,085 tons, of which 1,844 tons were carried by British steamers. Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 1,026, of which 492 were from British steamers.

There were altogether twenty-one arrivals, of which nine were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 17 departures, three were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:-

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	9	10,604
French	2	7,504
Norwegian	5	21,458
Portuguese	1	350
Japanese	2	1,294
Chinese	2	782
Total	21	41,450

Daredevil Indian Aviator

Not Able To Take Part In Jo'burg Race

Among the 1,000 passengers who landed in Bombay from the a.s. Strathmore last month was Lt. Misri Chand, the daredevil Indian aviator. When the great P. & O. liner was discharging her human cargo, the Punjab airman passed almost unnoticed. The winner of the Viceroy's Air Trophy looked a disappointed man. His one ambition was to participate in the Johannesburg Air Race, last September, but unfortunate circumstances dashed his cherished hopes.

His entry was accepted, plans complete, but his plane was not delivered in time for the great race. Misri Chand would have been the first Indian to compete in a contest open to the best aviators in the Empire. Whether he succeeded was another matter altogether. For the Punjab is a great patriot and desired to uphold the honour of his country. A nasty crash which damaged his nose sometime ago, is causing Lt. Misri Chand endless worry. It was necessary for him to have an operation performed in Vienna by a world famous specialist. For an airman a damaged nose is troublesome in high altitudes, because it is affected by changes in temperature. Lt. Misri Chand proposes to compete again in the Viceroy's Air Trophy Race, and hopes to see his name in the headlines when competitions calling for nerve and daring are staged. Flying is now a passion with him.

ARRIVALS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Selatan, British steamer, 1,571 tons, Captain R. C. Greer, from Swatow, general cargo, berthing at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Nagato Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,324 tons, Captain T. Yanagida, from Sakito, general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N. Y. K.

Kotohira Maru, Japanese steamer, 4,485 tons, Capt. M. Watanabe, from Moji and Sakito, general cargo, Kowloon Wharf.—N. Y. K.

Telrasias, British steamer, 4,554 tons, Captain Coates, from Singapore, general cargo, berthing at Holt's Wharf.—B. & S.

Elram, Norwegian steamer, 1,109 tons, Captain T. Olsen, from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo, lying at buoy No. B4.—Thorsen & Co.

Hal Heng, Chinese steamer, 2,055 tons, Captain C. C. Ma, from Canton, C. M. S. N's Wharf.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Hal Hing, Norwegian steamer, 1,445 tons, Captain E. R. Hannevig, from Amoy via Swatow, lying at buoy No. C1.—Thorsen & Co.

Norviken, Norwegian steamer, 1,779 tons, Capt. T. Kyamine, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Javanese Prince, British steamer, 3,656 tons, Captain J. Smith, from Shanghai, general cargo, buoy No. A3.—Furness (Far-East) & Co.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

Rosalie Moller, British steamer, 2,457 tons, Capt. W. G. Dry, from Yokohama, via Milke, cargo—coal, buoy No. A12.—M. B. K.

Hong Peng, British steamer, 2,525 tons, Capt. D. R. Bannerman, from Rangoon via Singapore, general cargo, buoy No. A5.—Ho Thong & Co.

Kiungchow, British steamer, 1,545 tons, Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, from Haiphong and Pakhoi via Hothow, general cargo, berthing at buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Adraustus, British steamer, 4,948 tons, Captain A. Shaw, from New Orleans via Shanghai, general cargo buoy No. A15.—B. & S.

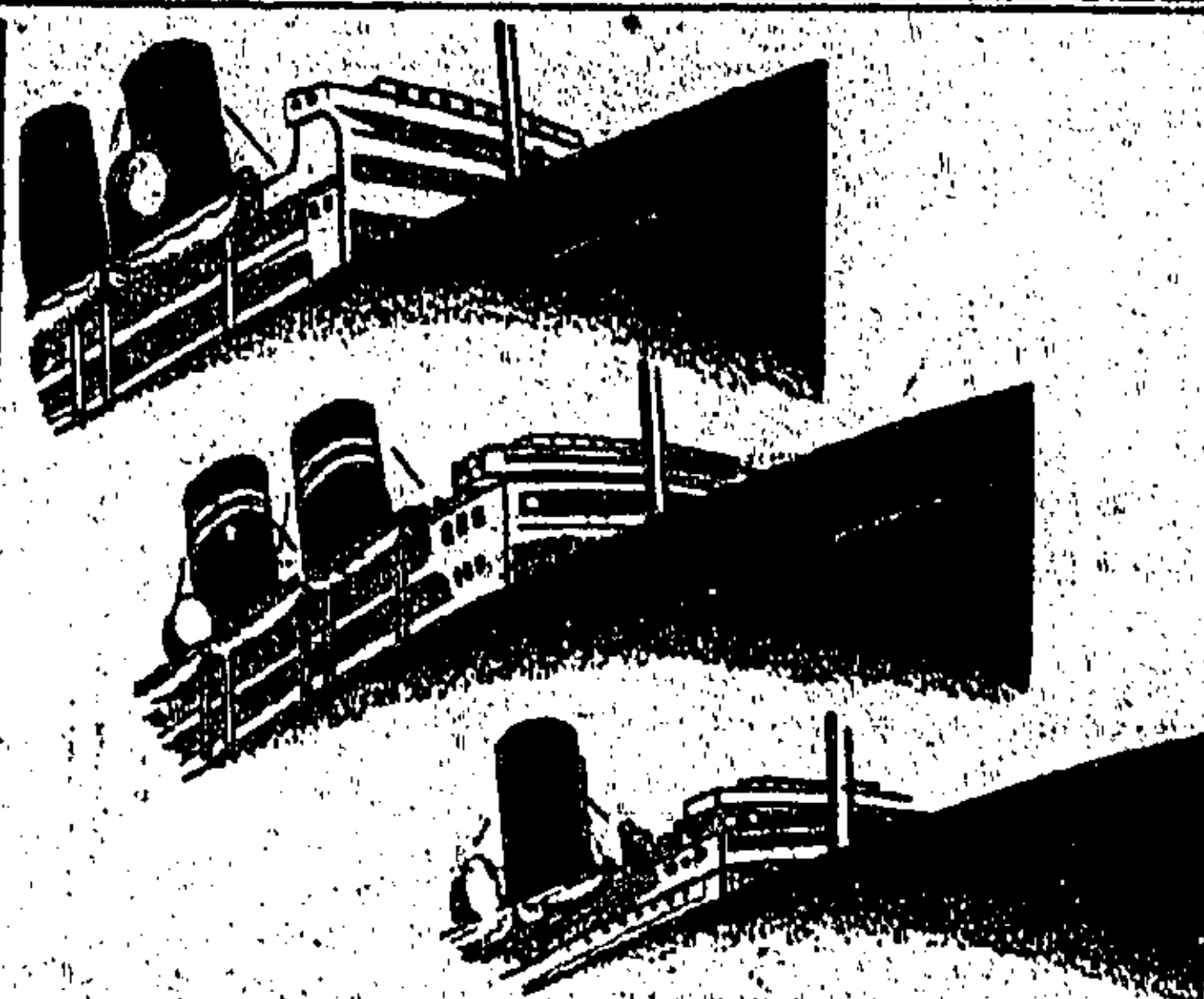
Wing Wo, Portuguese steamer, 405 tons, Captain I. d. de Lemos, from K. C. Wan, general cargo, Saikong Wharf.—Tai Fung & Co.

CLEARANCES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

Pleasantville for Los Angeles
Proteus for Bangkok
Tijalak for Muntok
Sui Sang for Kobe
Hong Peng for Swatow
Kotohira Maru for Singapore
Hal Ching for Hothow
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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL SAILINGS

*SOMALI	7,000	2nd Jan.	B'bay, Marseilles, Harro, London, Hull, R'ham, R'dam, & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	8th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KIDDERPORE	5,000	10th Jan.	Bombay & Karachi.
*HAMPURA	17,000	23rd Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	30th Jan.	Mars. Havre, London, H'bg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*CORFU	14,500	10th Feb.	R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
*BHUTAN	6,000	27th Feb.	Mars. Havre, London, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
*NALDERA	10,000	6th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	13th Mar.	Mars. Havre, London, Hamburg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
*CARTHAGE	14,500	20th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	7,000	27th Mar.	Mars. Havre, London, H'bg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.

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TALAMBA	8,000	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta
TALMA	10,000	14th Jan.	
SIRDHANA	8,000	30th Jan.	
SIRHARA	8,000	13th Feb.	
TILAWA	10,000	27th Feb.	



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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS

NANKIN	7,000	2nd Jan.	Manila, R'ham, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart
NELLORE	7,000	30th Jan.	
TALMA	7,000	6th Mar.	

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

*BANGALORE	6,000	31st Dec.	Shanghai & Japan
*NELLORE	7,000	1st Jan.	do
*SIRDHANA	8,000	7th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
*RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
*BHUTAN	6,000	21st Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
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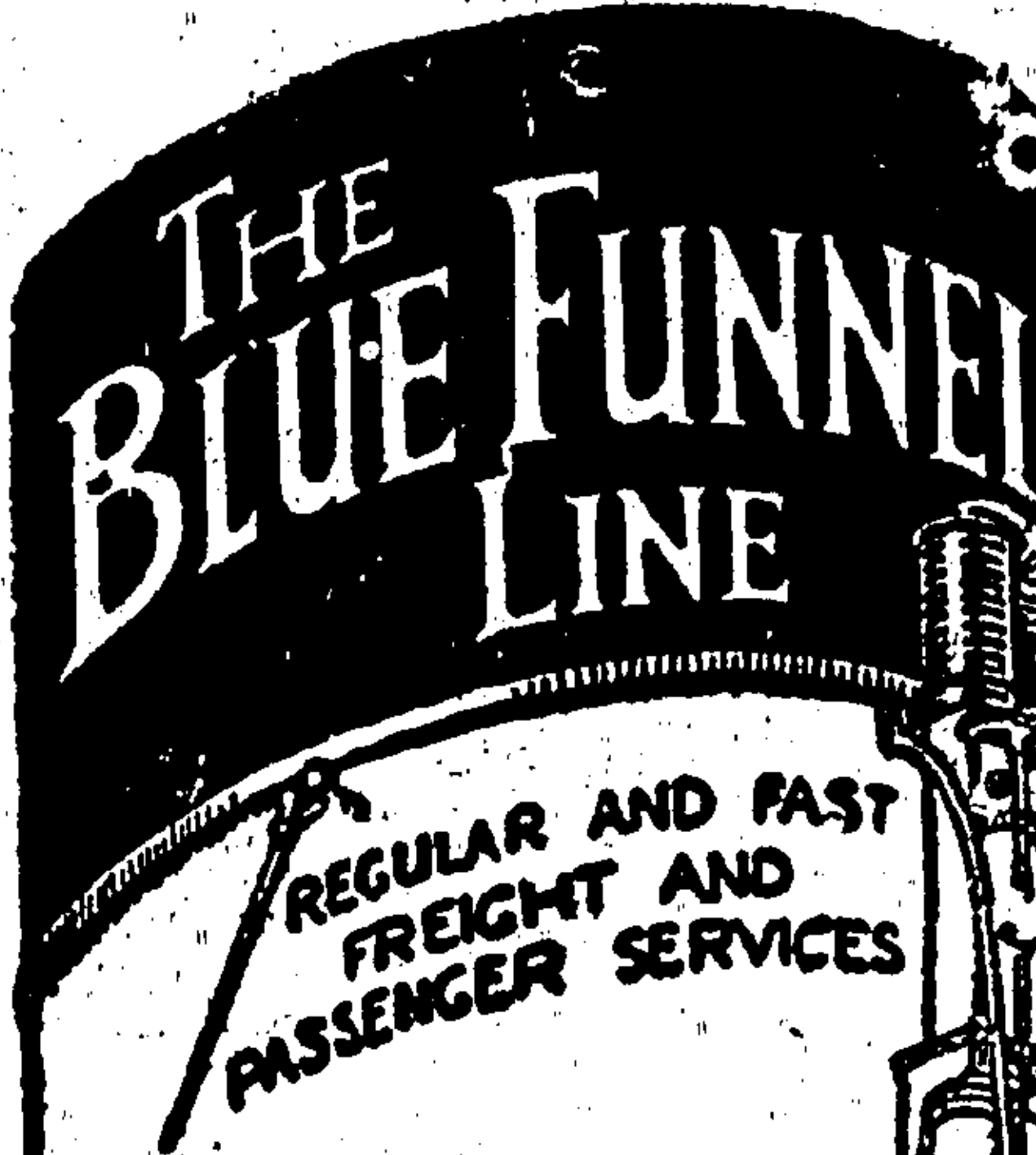
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CHIANG BACK IN HARNESS

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Shah Chang Hsueh-liang in personally surrendering to the Nan-king Government and praying for clemency.

Yesterday, the high officials of the Government met to discuss the political situation, and also matters connected with the pacification of Shensi Province.

At present Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang is free to move about and is waiting for the Government's decision, before leaving Nanking.

TO BE REINSTATED?

It is believed that he will be pardoned and reinstated and sent back to Sianfu to take command of the North-East bandit suppression army.

Another report states that Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and Mr. T. V. Soong will leave for Shanghai on the 30th instant.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the Christian General, attended a feast given by high officials at noon to-day in celebration of the release and return of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to Nanking, and so delighted was he, that he broke his rule not to drink wine.

It is reported that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is suffering from the strain of the last fortnight, and has been advised by his doctors to take a good rest and receive no callers.

Meanwhile, he has given instructions that full enquiries be made concerning those officers and men of his bodyguard who lost their lives at Wa Ching Chi, and that their families and dependants be properly cared for. — Chinese Evening Press.

Hangman's Rope Breaks!

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Insulting remarks had allegedly been made by the deceased about his wife.

The British Consul-General, Sir John Brennan, is holding an investigation at the gaol into this strange occurrence.

It is understood that the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, will, in the circumstances, be considering the granting of a reprieve to the condemned man.

When the hangman's rope broke, Atma Singh was plunged nine or ten feet, striking his head on the ground very severely. He is suffering from concussion and his condition is critical. — Reuters.

AMBASSADOR'S DECISION

Peiping, Dec. 29.
It is understood that the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, has decided to reprieve Atma Singh. — Reuters.

Racing At Fanling



Miss Baker and Li Lynch Maydon photographed at the Fanling Races.

FUNERAL OF MRS. EDITH KOTEWALL

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Among the wreaths which were sent to the graveside were the following:—Her loving husband Bob; Her loving children Doris, Helen, Bobbie, Malsie, Freddie, Cyril and Patsy; Kai and Esther, Freddy, Pam and Tony; Phoebe, Walter and Wendy, Henry and Mabel, George, Arthur, Catherine, Jimmy and Oliver; Percy, Rosie, Jean and Betty; Mr. and Mrs. Lo Tuk Cheung and Dorothy; Winnie Lowcock.

Other wreaths were as follows:—H.E. Sir Andrew and Lady Caldecott, H.E. Sir Charles and Lady Little, H.E. Major-General and Mrs. A. W. Bartholomew, H.E. General Huang Mu-sung, H.E. Mr. Tsang Yang-fu, General Chen Chiyu, Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Sedgwick, Hon. Mr. C. G. and Miss Alabaster, Hon. Mr. E. Taylor, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. W. Hughes, Sir Shousen Chow, General Leung Wing Sun, Mr. Li Leung Yu, Mr. and Mrs. T. Y. Soong, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Comte and Comtesse de Courseulles, Brig-Gen. and Mrs. Seth Smith, Sir Elly Kadoorie.

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U.S. NEUTRALITY LOOPHOLE

Aeroplane Parts Go To Spain

New York, Dec. 29.

A licence to export \$500,000 worth of aeroplane parts from the United States to Spain has been issued by the U.S. government.

This is the result of a loophole in the Neutrality Act which only covers banning of exports of war material to countries at war but does not state to countries wherein civil war is raging. It is evident that the shipment is for the Spanish Government as it will be consigned to Bilbao which is a government port. — Reuters' Bulletin Service.

CANNOT REFUSE

Washington, Dec. 28.

A licence for the first shipment of aeroplanes from the United States to Spain, for the Spanish Government, since the outbreak of the civil war, has been granted a firm of aircraft brokers. Its total value is approximately \$500,000.

While the Government has hitherto by the use of "moral suasion" prevented the filing of applications for licences to export arms, the State Department emphasises it has no authority under the Neutrality Act to refuse such licences. — Reuters.

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	Friday, 1st Jan.	Saturday, 2nd Jan.
General Post Office	8 a.m. to Noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Kowloon Central P.O.	8 a.m. to Noon	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Sheungwan Branch P.O.	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. (7 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

The other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m. on Friday the 1st Jan. and at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 2nd Jan.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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FROM	PER	
STRAITS	Bangalore	20th Dec.
STRAITS	Quito Maru	30th Dec.
STRAITS	Van Heuts	30th Dec.
JAPAN	Nankin	30th Dec.
SHANGHAI and AMOY	Szechuen	31st Dec.
HAIPHONG	Canam	31st Dec.
AMOI	Talamba	31st Dec.
SHANGHAI	Atrous	31st Dec.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Valles	31st Dec.
STRAITS and EUROPE via NUSAPATARA	Talhybius	1st Jan.
(Letters and Papers) London, 3rd December	Hakusan Maru	1st Jan.
CANADA, U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN and SHANGHAI (Vancouver B.C., 12th Dec.)	Emp. of Canada	1st Jan.
SHANGHAI	Somali	1st Jan.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Fukumi Maru	1st Jan.
JAPAN	Africa Maru	1st Jan.
STRAITS	Swartenskadi	2nd Jan.
JAVA and MANILA	Yokohama	2nd Jan.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Yuen-sung	4th Jan.

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FOR	PER	DATE AND TIME
WEDNESDAY		
Foochow	Ninghai	Wednesday, 30th, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and EUROPE via Siberia	Torresia	8.30 a.m.
Japan	Honami Maru	12.30 p.m.
Hohow	Hoi King	1.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 31st January and London	Ajao	G.P.O. & K.P.O. 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th Jan.	Ajax	Reg. 1.30 p.m. Let. 2.00 p.m.
Amoy via Swatow	Van Heuts	2.30 p.m. 3.00 p.m.
Swatow	Seison	
THURSDAY		
Air Mail for Canton and Districts.	C.N.A.C. plane	Thursday 31st, G.P.O. & K.P.O. 12.30 p.m. Letters 1.00 p.m. Kowloon P.O. Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Sheungwan P.O. Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Air Mail for Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and North China (via Shanghai).	C.N.A.C. plane	Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Letters for "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—due London, 11th January, 1937.	R.M.A. Dorado	Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 5th January, 1937.	R.M.A. Dorado	Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. Let. 3.15, 4.00 p.m. G.P.O. & K.P.O.
FRIDAY		
Straits and "East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE" via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th January.	Ohakwang	Friday, 1st, 1.00 p.m. Letters Noon
Straits and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 31st January	Somali	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow via Siberia	Fukumi Maru	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan and EUROPE via Siberia	Hakusan Maru	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Haiphong	Canam	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kayong	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Manila, Batavia, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th January	Nankin	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters Noon
SATURDAY		
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 14th Jan.	Africa Maru	Saturday, 2nd, G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 a.m. Let. 9.30 a.m.
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